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Harappan seals

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization-Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic-Chalcolithic), Protohistoric (Indus Civilization). Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan cultures. Contributions of the tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

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Steatite seal

The standard Harappan square seal, carved in intaglio with a back boss.

Mohenjo-daro

Largest published seal corpus of the Indus cities, with unicorn and other motifs.

Dholavira

Gujarat city with seals and a unique large signboard of Indus signs.

Unicorn motif

The most frequent animal device on seals, an emblem rather than a zoological record.

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