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- i. Sculptors carved scenes depicting peoples' lives in towns and villages, as well as in the forest.
- ii. Archaeologists' findings such as found rows of pots, or ceramic rings arranged one on top of the other.
- iii. Accounts of sailors and travellers who visited them.

Q2. What has been found in the archaeological excavations at Arikamedu?

Ans. Findings in the archaeological excavations at Arikamedu

- i. A massive brick structure, which may have been a warehouse, was found at the site.
- ii. Other finds include pottery from the Mediterranean region, such as amphorae and stamped red-glazed pottery, known as Arretine Ware, which was named after a city in Italy.
- iii. Roman lamps, glassware and gems have also been found at the site.

Q3. What were the functions performed by Shrenis?

Ans. Functions performed by Shrenis were:

- i. These shrenis of crafts persons provided training, procured raw material, and distributed the finished product.
- ii. Then shrenis of merchants organised the trade.
- iii. Shrenis also served as banks, where rich men and women deposited money. This was invested, and part of the interest was returned or used to support religious institutions such as monasteries.