

On The Trail of the Earliest People

Q1. List the impact of the changes in climate that took place around 12,000 years ago.

Ans. Impacts of the changes in climate that took place around 12,000 years ago are:

- i. Development of grasslands.
- ii. Increase in the number of deer, antelope, goat, sheep and cattle, i.e. animals that survived on grass.
- iii. People started thinking about herding and rearing these animals.
- iv. Several grain bearing grasses, including wheat, barley and rice grew naturally in different parts of the subcontinent.
- v. People started thinking about growing plants on their own.

Q2. How stone tools were made?

Ans. Stone tools were probably made using two different techniques:

1. The first is called stone on stone: Here, the pebble from which the tool was to be made (also called the core) was held in one hand. Another stone, which was used as a hammer was held in the other hand. The second stone was used to strike off flakes from the first, till the required shape was obtained.
2. Pressure flaking: Here the core was placed on a firm surface. The hammer stone was used on a piece of bone or stone that was placed on the core, to remove flakes that could be shaped into tools.