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Ans. Nearly a hundred and fifty years ago, when railway lines were being laid down for the first time in the Punjab, engineers stumbled upon the site of Harappa in present-day Pakistan. To them, it seemed like a mound that was a rich source of ready made, high quality bricks. So they carried off thousands of bricks from the walls of the old buildings of the city to build railway lines. Many buildings were completely destroyed. Then, about eighty years ago, archaeologists found the site, and realised that this was one of the oldest cities in the subcontinent.

Q2. What was special about "Great Bath" of Mohenjodaro?

Ans. Great Bath

- i. In Mohenjodaro, a very special tank, which archaeologists call the Great Bath, was built in this area.
- ii. This was lined with bricks, coated with plaster, and made water-tight with a layer of natural tar.
- iii. There were steps leading down to it from two sides, while there were rooms on all sides.
- iv. Water was probably brought in from a well, and drained out after use.
- v. Perhaps important people took a dip in this tank on special occasions.