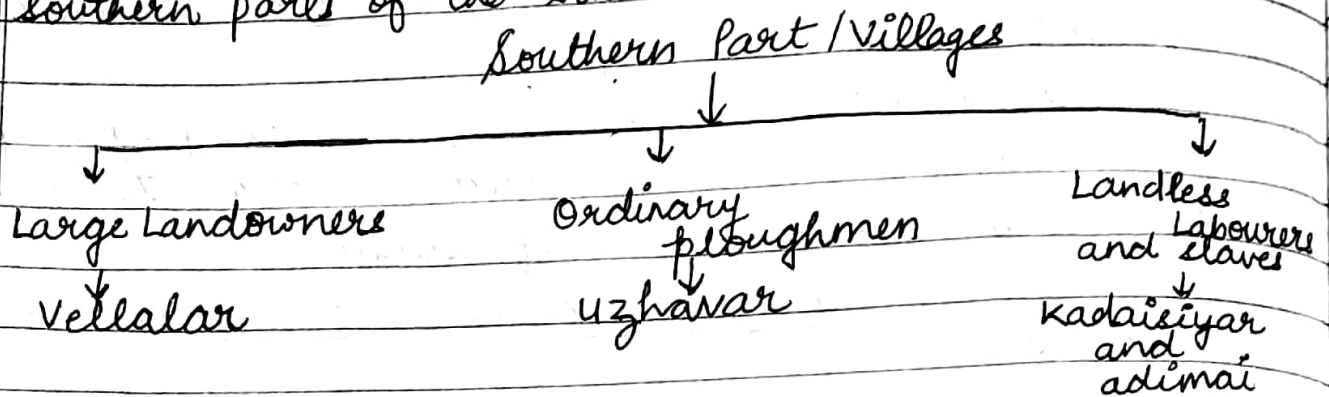


Vital Villages, Thriving Towns

1Q Mention about the people who lived in villages of southern parts of the subcontinent.

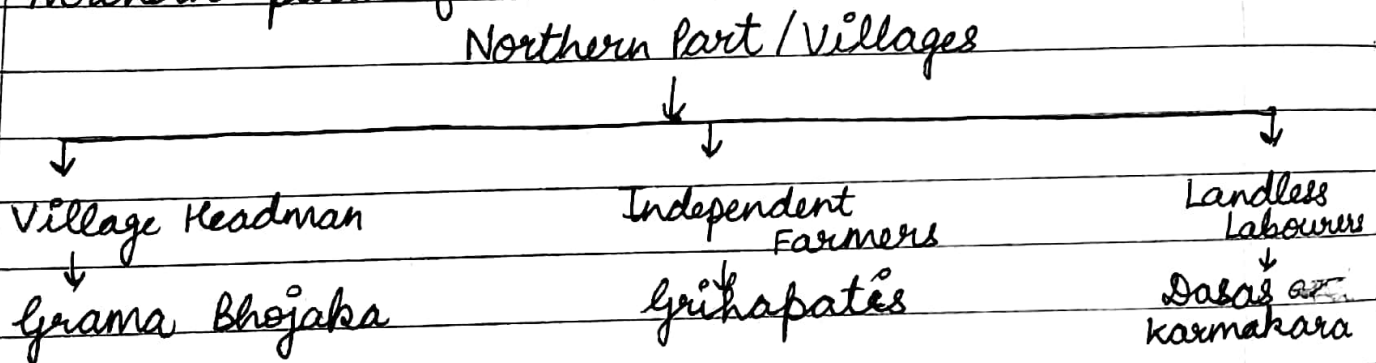
Ans)



- In Tamil region, large landowners were known as vellalar.
- Ordinary ploughmen were known as uzhavar.
- Landless labourers and slaves were known as kadaisiyar and adimai.

2Q Mention about the people who lived in villages of northern parts of the subcontinent.

Ans)



- In the northern part of the country, the village headman was known as grama bhojaka.
- Independent farmers and small landowners were known as grahapati.
- Men and women who did not own land, and had to work on fields of others were known as Dasas or karmakara.

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3Q Brief about Sangam literature.

Ans) Some of the features of sangam literature are-

- (a) It was composed around 2300 years ago.
- (b) These texts were composed and compiled in assemblies.
- (c) These assemblies were held at Madurai.
- (d) It is one of the earliest works of Tamil literature.

4Q Define Ring Wells.

Ans) Rows of pots, or ceramic rings arranged one on top of other are known as ring wells.

5Q Explain some features of 'Shrenis'.

Ans) Some of its features are-

- (a) Many craftspersons and merchants formed associations, known as shrenis.
- (b) Shrenis provided training, raw material and distributed the finished products and organised trade.
- (c) Shrenis also served as banks, where rich men and women deposited money.
- (d) This deposited money was also used to support religious institutions such as monasteries.

6Q What were the rules of spinning and weaving, according to Arthashastra?

Ans) Some of the rules were-

- (a) Widows, young women may be used for processing wool, cotton etc.
- (b) They should be paid according to the quality and

quantity of work.

- (c) Women who were not allowed to leave their homes can send maid servants to bring the raw material
- (d) In case of superintendent, looks at the woman or talks about anything other than the work, should be punished.
- (e) If a woman does not complete her work, she will have to pay a fine and her thumbs can be cut off.
- (f) Women who can visit the workshop should go at dawn to give her work and receive their wages.