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## NCERT Class VI History Solutions: Chapter 9 – Vital Villages, Thriving Towns Part 1

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let's recall

### Question 1:

Fill in the blanks:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was a word used for large landowners in Tamil.
2. The gramabhojaka often got his land cultivated by the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ploughmen were known as \_\_\_\_\_ in Tamil.
4. Most grihapatis were \_\_\_\_\_ landowners.

**Answer:**

List of the occupations within Mauryan Empire are:

1. **Vellalar** was a word used for large landowners in Tamil.
2. The gramabhojaka often got his land cultivated by the **dasakarmakara**.
3. Ploughmen were known as **Ujhavar** in Tamil.
4. Most grihapatis were **small** landowners.

### Question 2:

Describe the functions of the gramabhojaka. Why do you think he was powerful?

**Answer:**

Gramabhojaka was the biggest landowner and his some of the functions were:

1. Collection of taxes from the farmers.
2. As judge
3. As policeman

### Question 3:

List the crafts persons who would have been present in both villages and cities.

**Answer:**

Craftsman like the carpenters, weavers, potters, etc. were presumably present in both villages and cities.

### Question 4:

Choose the correct answer:

1. Ring wells were used for:
  1. Bathing
  2. Washing clothes
  3. Irrigation
  4. Drainage
6. Punch marked coins were made of:
  7. Silver
  8. Gold
  9. Tin
10. Ivory
11. Mathura was an important:
  12. Village

13. Port
14. Religious centre
15. Forested area
16. Shrines were associations of:
17. Rulers
18. Crafts persons
19. Farmers
20. Herders

**Answer:**

1. D. Drainage
2. A. Silver
3. C. Religious centre
4. B. Crafts persons

**let's discuss**

**Question 5:**

Which of the iron tools shown on page 87 would have been important for agriculture? What would the other tools have been used for?

**Answer:**

- Sickle was used in agriculture.
- Axe was used for chopping wood.
- Tongs were used in Kitchen or by ironsmith,

The ones that would have been used for agriculture were – sickle and axe.



**Iron tools: Tongs**



**Axe**



**Sick**

**Question 6:**

Compare the drainage system in your locality with that of the cities mentioned in the lesson. What similarities and differences do you notice?

**Answer:**

The modern drainage system is made up of pipes. Pipes were made up of plastic, metal or ceramic. While the drainage system in this chapter was made up of rings and those rings were stacked together to make a tube like structure.

**Similarity:** Use of ceramic and tubes.

**Difference:** Use of rings in those cities.