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Chapter 5 The Chinese Civilization

Good Morning Students,

In this chapter we will study about the last of the four main civilizations — The Chinese Civilization which arose in China along the river Huang-Ho. The river provided water for the cultivation of crops, but it is also called the 'Sorrow of China' because it often changes its course after floods, destroying crops.

The Shang and the Chou dynasties were main dynasty which ruled over China. We have literary evidences for this civilization. The king held the highest position in the society. Then came the nobles, who assisted the king. Merchants, craftsmen and farmers were next. At the bottom were the slaves. Family was an important unit. The Chinese also venerated their ancestors.

People worshipped forces of nature. Ancestor worship was common. Later we find the influence of Confucianism and Taoism.

The Chinese followed numerous occupations. A vast majority of people practised agriculture. They had a irrigation network. The Chinese were the first to cultivate tea. The Chinese were the first to make silk. They reared silkworms on mulberry.

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trees.

The Chinese craftsmen specialized in metal work. Bronze casting was highly developed. People made beautiful statues, weapons and bronze vessels.

The Chinese made beautiful glazed pottery from porcelain. They crafted a lot of items such as vases, jars, cups, saucers and bowls. China was rich in timber and it was used to construct buildings. The Chinese also crafted beautiful objects of wood inlaid with ivory.

China had trade relations with Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia and India. Caravans were used for trade. Silk, chinaware, tea and paper were the main items of export.

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- 1) 1800 BC
- 2) Father
- 3) 105 BC
- 4) AD 500
- 5) Chinese philosopher

6) Porcelain

State True or False

1. True
2. False

3. True
4. False