**Chapter 4 South Asia Reading Questions**

1. Why is so little known about the Harappan society? What is it that we do know about the nature of that society?

1. How do historians and archeologists explain the decline of the Harappan culture?
2. How were the Indo-European migrants different from the cultures that already existed in India?
3. Trace the origins of the caste system, making sure to include a discussion of varna and jati
4. Discuss the nature of patriarchy in early Indian societies. What is the Lawbook of Manu and how does it relate to gender roles?
5. What are the Vedas and what do they teach us about early Indian societies?
6. What are the fundamental religious teachings of the Upanishads?
7. How did the religious beliefs as expressed in the Upanishads dovetail with the social order during the Vedic age?
8. In what ways did the religion of the Upanishads include an ethical system?
9. How did the Dravidian and Aryan cultures blend during this period?