Aim- What were the major achievements and contributions of Egyptian society?

I Society

- 1. Marriage was arranged and based on social status, land & property
- 2. Religion was polytheistic
- 3. Believed in reincarnation

II Achievements

- a. Writing Hieroglyphics 3000 BC
 - began around 3000 BCE
 - System of ideographs and pictographs
 - <u>Hieratic script</u>: simpler version of hieroglyphics and was used to keep records
 - In 1799 the Rosetta Stone helped historians decipher hieroglyphics

b. Art & Architecture

- Pyramids, temples & other monuments show architectural skill
- Proficient artists & sculptors

c. Advances in Math

- Advances in Math and Science
- Geometry to calculate area and volume

d. Mummification

- Egyptians preserved the body, and kept organs in jars
- They wrapped the body in linens
- Brought gold, jewels, and gems into the tombs of the pharaohs
- Peasants and slaves died with Pharaoh
- The process took 70 days

e. Medicine

- Advances in Anatomy
- Performed surgery and autopsies
- Used herbs and minerals as medicines