

**New Empires And Kingdoms**

**Q1. State whether true or false :**

**(a) Harishena composed a prashasti in praise of Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni.**

**Ans-**  
False

**(b) The rulers of Aryavarta brought tribute for Samudragupta.**

**Ans-**  
True

**(C) There were twelve rulers in Dakshinapatha**

**Ans -**  
True

**(d) Taxila and Madurai were important centres under the control of the Gupta rulers**

**Ans -**  
False

**(e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas.**

**Ans -**  
False

**(f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in South India.**

**Ans -**  
True

**Q2. Mention three authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.**

**Ans -**

The following three authors who wrote about Harshavardhana :

- (I) Banabhatta
- (ii) Ravikirti
- (iii) Xuan Zang

**Q3. What changes do you find in the army at this time?**

**Ans -**

A permanent army was kept by the king. This was well organized. Soldiers used different kinds of weapons. Besides,. there were military leaders who provided troops to the king whenever they needed them.

**Q4. What were the new administrative arrangements during this period?**

**Ans -**

The following new administrative arrangements were noticed during this period :

- (I) Some Important administrative posts were now hereditary.
- (ii) Sometimes, one person held many offices.
- (iii) Important men had a say in local administration.
- (iv) King adopted a number of steps to win the support of men who were powerful.

**Q5. What do you think Arvind would have to do if he was acting as Samudragupta?**

**Ans -**

- (I) He had to sit on the throne and play the Veena and recite poetry.
- (ii) He had to march solemnly in splendid robes, to twirl his moustaches and wield the silver - paper wrapped Sword with gusto.
- (iii) He had to fight several battles and had to keep and help his court poet Harishena.

**Q6. Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis? Give reasons for your answer.**

**Ans -**

I think ordinary people would have not read and understood the prashastis because they were illiterate and did not know Sanskrit in which the prashastis were written.

**Q7. If you had to make a genealogy for yourself, who are the people you would include in it? How many generations would you like to show? Make a chart and fill it.**

**Ans -**

If I had to make a genealogy for myself, I would like to include the following persons in it :

- (I) Name of my great grandfather.
- (ii) Name of my grandfather.
- (iii) Name of my father and mother.
- (iv) The name of son.
- (v) The name of my grandchildren.

**I would like to show the following five generations :**

- (I) Great grandfather
- (ii) Grandfather
- (iii) parents
- (iv) My own name
- (v) Name of my grandchildren

**Q8. How do you think wars affect the lives of ordinary people today?**

**Ans -**

Today, wars affect the lives of ordinary people in the following ways :

- (I) Wars create violence and disturbances in society.
- (ii) Wars waste economic and other resources.
- (iii) Many people are killed.

(iv) Their property, houses, shops, etc are destroyed.