

CLASS-6

SUB- HISTORY

CHAPTER-8

Ashoka, The Emperor Who Gave Up War

Q ① Make a list of the occupations of the people who lived within the Mauryan empire.

Ans The list of occupations followed by the people living in the Mauryan empire:

Masonry, Carpentry, Herding, Farming, Trader, Handicrafts, Hunting animals, Slavery, crafts person.

Q ② Complete the following sentences:

(a) Officials collected — from the area under the direct control of the ruler.

Ans taxes

(b) Royal princes often went to the provinces as —

Ans governors

(c) The Mauryan rulers tried to control — and — which were important for transport.

Ans roads, rivers

(d) People in forested regions provided the Mauryan officials with —

Ans → forest produce and elephants.

Q ③ State whether true or false:

(a) Ujjain was the gateway to the North-west.

Ans False

(b) Chandragupta's ideas were written down in the Arthashastra.

Ans False

(c) Kalinga was the ancient name of Bengal.

Ans → False

(d) Most Ashokan inscriptions are in the Brahmi script.

Ans → True

Q ④ What were the problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing dhamma?



Ans → He engraved his message and principles on rocks and pillars in different parts of his empire. He sent messengers

Ans → Ashoka faced many problems. There were quarrel among people. People adopted different religion. Slaves and servants were ill-treated. Animals were sacrificed. These were the problem that Ashoka wanted to solve.

Q5) What were the means adopted by Ashoka to spread the message of Dhamma?

Ans → The means adopted by Ashoka to spread the message of Dhamma were :-

① He appointed officers known as dhamma mahamatta to spread and explain the message of Dhamma.

② He wrote his message on rocks and pillars which were erected in different parts of the empire.

③ Messages were written in Prakrit, the language of the people.

Q6) Why do you think slaves and servants were ill-treated? Do you think the orders of the emperor would have improved their condition? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans → The slaves were mostly prisoners of war and servants did menial jobs. They were ill-treated of the emperor could have made the slaves free, if the servants were ill-treated the master could be punished.



### Additional question

- Q. (1) How did Ashoka convey his message to the people?
- Ans → He conveyed his message to the people through inscription.
- Q. (2) Who wrote the book, 'Arthashastra'?
- Ans → Chanakya
- Q. (3) What is the ancient name of coastal Odisha?
- Ans → Kalinga
- Q. (4) Name some cities of Mauryan empire.
- Ans → Pataliputra, Ujjain, Taxila
- Q. (5) What is dhamma?
- Ans → 'Dhamma' is the prakrit word for the Sanskrit term 'Dharma'.
- Q. (6) Who built Great Wall of China?
- Ans → Emperors in China built the Great Wall.
- Q. (7) Who was Seleucus Nicator?
- Ans → He was a Greek ruler of West Asia.
- Q. (8) Who was Chanakya?
- Ans → Chandragupta was supported by a wise man named Chanakya. Chanakya was a teacher of Taxila university.
- Q. (9) Who founded the Mauryan empire?
- Ans → Chandragupta Maurya
- Q. (10) Name the capital of Mauryan empire.
- Ans → Pataliputra (Modern Patna) in Bihar.
- Q. (11) Name some countries where Ashoka propagated 'Dhamma'.
- Ans → Syria, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Greece.
- Q. (12) Where did the lions on the currency come from?
- Ans → The lions that we see on our notes and coins have a long history. They were carved in stone, and placed on top of a massive stone pillar at Sarnath.