# NCERT SOLUTIONS

## CLASS - 11th

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Chapter Name : An Empire Across Three Continents

Q1 If you had lived in Roman Empire, where would you rather have lived - in the towns or in the countryside? Explain why.

Answer. If one had lived in Roman Empire, one would have preferred to live in the towns rather than living in the countryside. Following we're the reasons :
→ The town had better education facilities and economic infrastructures were far more better than that of the countryside.
→ Towns had excellent storage facilities for food grains and could withstand floods and droughts.
→ The level of entertainment was way higher in the towns.

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Q2 Compile a list of some of the towns, cities, rivers, seas and Provinces mentioned in this chapter, and then try to find them on the maps. Can you say something about any three of the items in the list you have compiled?

Answer. Towns : Carthage, Alexandria, Antioch, Pompeii,
Cities : Sicily, Galilee, Campania
Rivers : Euphrates, Rhine, Danube
Seas : Black Sea, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Caspian Sea.
Provinces : Gallic, Cyrenaica, Tripolitania
Campania : The best quality of wines were produced here.
Sicily : Large quantities of wheat was exported from here
Mediterranean Sea : It connected the whole of Roman Empire from the world and all the major areas around Mediterranean Sea were dominated by the Empire.

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Q3 Imagine that you are a Roman housewife preparing a shopping list for household requirements. What would be on the list?

Answer. As a Roman housewife things that would be on the shopping list are : Wine, spices, wheat, barley, olive oil, beans, lentils, etc.

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Q4 Why do you think the Roman government stopped coining silver? And which metal did it begin to use for the production of coinage?

Answer. The Roman government stopped coining silver because the Spanish silver mines were exhausted and government ran out of sufficient stocks of the metal to support a stable coinage in silver.
Constantine founded the new monetary system on gold and there were vast amounts of this in circulation throughout late antiquity.

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Q5 Suppose the emperor Trajan had actually managed to conquer India and the Romans had held on to the country for several centuries. In what ways do you think India might be different today?

Answer. If the emperor Trajan had actually managed to conquer India and the Romans had held on the country for several centuries then the things that would be different today are :
→ The Indian History and Culture would have been totally different today.
→ The way of dressing and good habits would have been different today.
→ Trade relations would have been different.
→ Art, architecture, paintings and sculptures would have been different.
→ Indians would have followed different religion today i.e Christianity.
→ Slavery would be deep rooted in India.
→ The idea of public bath would have been adopted.
→ Family Value System would have been totally different.
→ Education system today would have been at different levels.

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Q6 Go through the chapter carefully and pick out some basic features of Roman society and economy which you think make it look quite modern.

Answer. Some basic features of Roman society and economy that look quite modern are :
→ Prevalence of the nuclear family system.
→ Level was entertainment was much higher.
→ Idea of public baths.
→ Concept of not transferring the dowry to husband.
→ Rights given to women to own natal property.
→ Divorce was relatively easy and needed no more than a notice of intent to dissolve the marriage by either husband or wife.
→ The wife enjoyed complete legal independence.
→ The regulated monetary system and well organised commercial and banking system.
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