

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter Name : ASHOKA, THE EMPEROR WHO GAVE UP WAR

Q1 Make a list of the occupations of the people who lived within the Mauryan empire.

Answer. The Mauryan empire consisted of people who were merchants, officials, crafts persons, farmers and herders, etc.

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Q2 Complete the following sentences:

- (a) Officials collected ————— from the area under the direct control of the ruler.
- (b) Royal princes often went to the provinces as ———.
- (c) The Mauryan rulers tried to control ————— and ————— which were important for transport.
- (d) People in forested regions provided the Mauryan officials with —————.

Answer. (a) taxes

(b) governors

(c) roads, rivers

(d) Elephants, timber, honey, wax

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Q3 State whether true or false:

- (a) Ujjain was the gateway to the north-west.
- (b) Chandragupta's ideas were written down in the Arthashastra.
- (c) Kalinga was the ancient name of Bengal.
- (d) Most Ashokan inscriptions are in the Brahmi script.

Answer. (a) False

(b) True

(c) False

(d) True

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Q4 What were the problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing dhamma?

Answer. Mindless rituals and sacrifices were the norm during Ashoka's period. People did not have respect for other religions. People ill treated servants and slaves. By introducing dhamma; Ashoka wanted to solve these problems.

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

Answer. Ashoka used the means of communicating with his people to spread the message of dhamma. His messages were inscribed on stone pillars so that people could read them. Officials were instructed to spread his message and to read out inscriptions for those who could not read. Ashoka used Prakrit and local languages so that common people could understand his messages.

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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.

Answer. People usually view their servants and slaves as inferior. Hence, servants and slaves were ill-treated. Ashoka's orders may have had some effect because he was a powerful king. Moreover, his messages must have helped in improving people's awareness about that issue. This may also have helped in improving the situation.

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Q7 Write a short paragraph explaining to Roshan why the lions are shown on our currency notes. List at least one other object on which you see them.

Answer. The lions are part of the Lion Capital in Samath. These lions are shown on our currency notes in honour of one of the greatest kings of India, Ashoka, who built the Capital. Moreover, on independence, the lion was recognized as the national animal, so the notes also showed the Lion Capital.

Another object which has the lions are shown are the coins of our currency.

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Q8 Suppose you had the power to inscribe your orders, what four commands would you like to issue?

Answer. To answer this question, use your own imagination

Some sample points are:

- (i) Slavery be abolished.
- (ii) Animal sacrifice be stopped.
- (iii) People should not fight among themselves.
- (iv) No discrimination be practised based on gender, caste, creed, etc.

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