

NCERT SOLUTIONS

CLASS - 6TH



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Subject : History

Chapter : 11

Chapter Name : BUILDINGS, PAINTINGS AND BOOKS

Q1 Match the following

Column I	Column II
Stupa	Place where the image of the deity is installed
Shikhara	Mound
Mandapa	Circular path around the stupa
Garbhagriha	Place in temples where people could assemble
Pradakshina patha	Tower

Answer.

- Stupa : Tower
- Shikhara : Place in temples where people could assemble
- Garbhagriha : Place where the image of the deity is installed
- Pradakshina patha : Circular path around the stupa

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Q2 Fill in the blanks:

- (a) _____ was a great astronomer.
 (b) Stories about gods and goddesses are found in the _____
 (c) _____ is recognised as the author of the Sanskrit Ramayana.
 (d) _____ and _____ are two Tamil epics.

Answer. (a) Aryabhata was a great astronomer.(b) Stories about gods and goddesses are found in the Purana(c) Valmiki is recognised as the author of the Sanskrit Ramayana.(d) Silappadikaram and Manimekalai are two Tamil epics.

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Q3 Make a list of the chapters in which you find mention of metal working. What are the metals objects mentioned or shown in those chapters?

Answer. Chapters 4, 8 and 9 mention metal working. Various metal tools have been mentioned; like ploughshare, sickle, axe and sword. Ploughshare and sickle were used in farming. Axe was

used for chopping wood. Sword was used in battle.

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Q4 Read the story on page 130. In what ways is the monkey king similar to or different from the kings you read about in Chapters 6 and 11?

Answer. The monkey king shows some similarities and some differences with human kings. While many kings assumed grand titles, the monkey king did not have such title. Most of the kings took good care of their subjects. The monkey king shows the same mindset.

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Q5 Find out more and tell a story from one of the epics.

Answer. The Ramayana contains the story of Hanuman and other monkeys. They promised to help Ram in his search of Sita. Hanuman had special powers which enables him to reach Sri Lanka, inspite of many difficulties. He found the whereabouts of Sita, who was kept in Ashok Vatika by Ravan. He also set Lank on fire. He also brought Sanjivmi herbs to treat Lakshman. He remained of Ram.

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Q6 List some steps that can be taken to make buildings and monuments accessible to differently abled people.

Answer. The steps to be taken to make buildings and monuments accessible to differently abled people:

- (i) Construction of a ramp;
- (ii) Railing can be placed on the side walls of the staircase.
- (iii) The steps can be renovated so that people may not fall on the slippery ground.

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Q7 Try and list as many uses of paper as you can.

Answer. Paper is used for:

- (i) making note-books on which we write.
- (ii) making books.
- (iii) newspapers.
- (iv) packing materials.
- (v) postcard, envelopes, postal stamps, revenue stamps.

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Q8 If you could visit any one of the places described in this chapter, which would you choose and why?

Answer. Sample answer:

If I get an opportunity to visit any one of these places, I would plan to go to Mahabalipuram. The main reasons are :

- (i) It is built on the waterfront, near the Bay of Bengal.
- (ii) Both monolithic and structural temples are built in the same complex.

- (iii) The beauty of temples cannot be surpassed by others,
- (iv) "Monolithic temples are skillfully chiseled, hewn and sculpted.
- (v) Most of the temples are intact. They have not been destroyed by vagaries of time.

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