



*Pre activity: Write the name of famous rulers of ancient India.

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| 1.Chandragupta Maurya. | 7.Maharaja Ranjit Singh. |
| 2.Ashoka Maurya. | 8.TIPU Sultan. |
| 3.Raja Raja chola. | 9.Hemu |
| 4.Prithviraj Chauhan. | 10.Akbar. |
| 5.Maharana Pratap. | |
| 6.Shivaji Maharaj. | |

***Key words.**

Mauryan,Empire, edict,flourished,raided,relics,sovereign, metallurgy.

Q1.Fill in the blanks.

1. Chandragupta was guided by **Chankya**.
2. The Mauryan Empire was established in **321BC**.
3. The stupa of **Sanchi** is near Bhopal.
4. **Patliputra** was the capital of the Mauryan Empire .
5. **Humayun** was succeeded by Babur.
6. The Shalimar Garden is in **Kashmir**.

Q2. Write true or false.

- 1.The Mauryan Empire declined after the death of Chandragupta. **False**
2. The Lion Capital is now the national emblem of India. **True.**
3. Monasteries or viharas were cave dwelling cut out of rocks.**True.**
4. Terracotta was also used to make many wheeled toys. **True.**
5. The breakdown of the Mughal Empire was mainly due to Aurangzeb.**True**
6. The Red fort was built during Shah Jahans rule.**True.**

Q3.Short answer questions.

1.Who succeeded Chandragupta Maurya?

Ans. Chandragupta Maurya was succeeded by his son called Bindusara.

2.What helped the trade and commerce to flourish?

Ans. The Mauryan rulers provided a good network of roads and waterways to help the traders in carrying goods.

3.When did the decline of the Empire begin?

Ans. The Mauryan Empire begins to decline after the death of Ashoka in 232BC.

4.What were the things imported during the Mauryan period?

Ans. Horse, glass,gold, linen etc.were imported by India.

5.Who built the Taj Mahal?

Ans. Shah Jahan was built the Taj Mahal .

Q4. Long answer questions.

1. What are Monolithic pillars?

Ans. Some great monuments were built during the Mauryan rule.These include the monolithic pillars of Ashoka.Every pillar has three parts-the prop,the shaft and the capital.The most famous pillar is at Sarnath (Varanasi)The top of this pillar consists of four lions sitting back to back and facing four directions.

2. Describe the stupas?

Ans.Stupas are dome shaped structures consisting of relics of Buddha.Ashoka had built 84,000 stupas all over India and Afghanistan.The surface of stupas has been mainly built with bricks and a thick layer of plaster. The famous Sanchi Stupa near Bhopal is one of the best examples.

3. Write a short note on agriculture during the Mauryan rule.

Ans. Agriculture was one of the main occupations of the people during the Mauryan Empire. Trade commerce and agriculture flourished under the guidance of farmers. They lived in the ruler areas and cultivated different crops. The irrigation facilities provided by the state to the farmers, they also help them in clearing lands.

4. Describe the extent of the Mauryan Empire.

Ans. The Mauryan Empire stretched from north along the boundaries of the Himalayas to the east in Assam. In the west it covered areas of modern Pakistan , Afghanistan and Baluchistan.

5. Why did Mauryan Empire decline? Explain.

Ans. The Mauryan Empire began to decline after death of Ashoka in 232BC .

i) After Ashoka ,the Mauryan Empire was ruled by a series of weak rulers. Who could not control the empire.

ii) This situation proved advantageous for the governors of some provinces .Poor administration affected the trades and communication.

iii) Finally internal conflicts among the ministers resulted decline the Empire.

6. Explain the trade activities during the Mughal rule.

Ans. Akbar and Jahangir both were interested in foreign trade. Akbar established a good network of roads .There foreign traders were welcome by the mughals and were given high security .They were charged low taxes as well.

7. Describe the architecture during the Mughal period.

Ans. Shah jahan was considered one of the greatest architects of Mughal dynasty. The Jama Masjid ,Red fort (Delhi) and Taj Mahal (Agra) were constructed during his time.

Post Activity

Paste the pictures of some famous monuments build during Mughal Emperor's in India.

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