



Class : VI

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L9 – New Empires and Kingdoms

Q1. State whether true or false:

1. Harishena composed a prashasti, in praise of Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni. **False**
2. The rulers of Aryavarta brought tribute for Samudragupta. **True**
3. There were twelve rulers in Dakshinapatha. **True**
4. Taxila and Madurai were important centres under the control of the Gupta rulers. **False**
5. Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas. **False**
6. Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India. **True**

Q2. Mention three authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.

Ans. The following three authors wrote about Harshavardhana:

1. Banabhatta
2. XuanZang
3. Ravikirti

Q3. What changes do you find in the army at this time?

Ans. We find the following changes in the army at this time:

1. A well organised permanent army was kept by the king or the ruler.
2. Soldiers used different kinds of weapons such as battle-axes, arrows, spikes, spears, barbed darts, swords, iron clubs, javelins, barbed arrows, long arrows, etc.
3. Elephants, Chariots, Cavalry were used along with foot soldiers in the royal ground.
4. Besides, there were military leaders known as Samantas who provided the king with troops whenever they needed them. They were not paid regular salaries. Instead, some of them received grants of land. They collected revenue from the land and used this to maintain soldiers and horses, and provide equipment for warfare.

Q4. What were the new administrative arrangements during this period?

Ans. The following new administrative arrangements were noticed during this period:

1. Kings adopted a number of steps to win the support of men who were powerful, either economically, or socially, or because of political and military strength.
2. Administrative posts turned out to be hereditary
3. Sometimes, one person held multiple posts.

Q5. What do you think Arvind would have to do if he was acting as Samudragupta?

Ans. Arvind would have to do the following things if he was acting as Samudragupta:

1. He would have to sit on the throne.
2. Would have played the Veena and recite poetry.
3. He would have fought several battles.
4. He would have given importance to science, astronomy, music and art.

Q6. Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis?

Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. I think ordinary people would have not read and understood the prashastis because these were written in Sanskrit and they were illiterate or did not know Sanskrit.