

NCERT Solutions for Class 6th Social Science History Chapter 8 Ashoka The Emperor Who Gave Up War

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

Ans:

A list of the occupations of the people who lived within the Mauryan empire:

1. Trade or Commerce
2. Jobs with emperor
3. Crafts
4. Agriculture
5. Animal rearing
6. Forest produce-gathering
7. Hunting animals for food
8. Fishing.

2. Complete the following sentences:

1. Officials collected..... from the area under the direct control of the ruler.
2. Royal princes often went to the provinces as.....
3. The Mauryan rulers tried to control..... and..... which were important for transport.
4. People in forested regions provided the Mauryan officials with.....

Ans:

1. taxes
2. governors
3. roads, rivers
4. elephants, timber, honey, and wax.

3. State whether true or false:

1. Ujjain was the gateway to the north-west.
2. Chandragupta's ideas were written down in the Arthashastra.
3. Kalinga was the ancient name of Bengal
4. Most Ashokan inscriptions are in the Brahmi script.

Ans:

1. False
2. True
3. False

4. True.

4. What were the problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing 'dhamma'?

Ans:

The problems Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing dhamma were:

1. Communalism (He wanted communal harmony within his state).
2. Violence or killing of animals (He wanted animal protection or Ahimsa or Non-violence).
3. Cruelty (He liked mercy or kindness towards slaves and servants).
4. To maintain peace in families and among neighbours.
5. Respecting one's elders.
6. Treating all creatures with compassion.
7. Giving gifts to brahmins and monks.
8. Show respect to other religions too.
9. Try to understand the main ideas of other religions.

5. What were the means adopted by Ashoka to spread the message of 'dhamma'?

Ans: Ashoka appointed officials (called 'dhamma mahamatta') to go from place to place and tell people about 'dhamma'. Ashoka got his messages inscribed on rocks and pillars too, in a language called as Prakrit which was comprehensible to all. Messengers were also sent to other parts of the world.

6. 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.

Ans:

1. I think that slaves and servants were ill-treated because no political authority or socio-economic organisation had favoured proper treatment for slaves and servants. They were supposed to do all manual and hard work but they were not allowed to participate in some rituals and not permitted to recite Vedas or for taking education.
2. Yes, I think the orders of the emperor would have improved condition of slaves and servants. We can give the following reasons:
 - Slaves and servants would have got proper wages and better treatment.
 - Their duty hours and working conditions would have improved.

7. 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.

Ans: 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.

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

Ans: I would like to issue the following four orders:

1. Everyone should respect the elders and elders should love their youngers.
2. Everyone should respect the other's religion. One should try to understand the main ideas of another's religion and respect it.
3. Be kind to your servants and employees.
4. Be loyal to your motherland.