

Ncert Solutions Class 6 History Chapter 8

Ncert Solutions For Class 6 History Chapter 8 Ashoka, the emperor who gave up the war

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

Answer

List of the occupations of the people who lived within the Mauryan empire:

- Farming
- Herding
- Handicrafts
- Trading
- Hunting-gathering

2. Complete the following sentences:

(a) Officials collected _____ from the area under the direct control of the ruler.

▶ tax

(b) Royal princes often went to the provinces as _____

▶ governors

(c) The Mauryan rulers tried to control _____ and _____ which were important for transport.

▶ roads and rivers

(d) People in forested regions provided the Mauryan officials with _____

▶ elephant, timbers, honey and wax.

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3. State whether true or false:

(a) Ujjain was the gateway to the north-west.

▶ False

(c) Chandragupta's ideas were written down in the Arthashastra.

▶ False

(d) Kalinga was the ancient name of Bengal.

▶ False

(e) Most Ashokan inscriptions are in the Brahmi script.

▶ True

Let's Discuss

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

Answer

The problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing *dhamma* were:

- Religious conflict
- Animal sacrifice
- Ill-treatment of slaves and servants
- Quarrels in families and amongst neighbours.

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

Answer

The means that Ashoka adopted to spread the message of *dhamma* were:

- He appointed officials, known as the *dhamma mahamatta* who went from place to place teaching people about *dhamma*.

- He got his messages inscribed on rocks and pillars, instructing his officials to read his message to those who could not read it themselves.

- He also sent messengers to spread ideas about dhamma to other lands, such as Syria, Egypt, Greece and Sri Lanka.

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.

Answer

The slaves and servants were mostly prisoners of wars that is why they were ill-treated. Yes, I think the order of emperor would have improved their condition as he was the head of the state. He can issue law of punishment regarding this.