

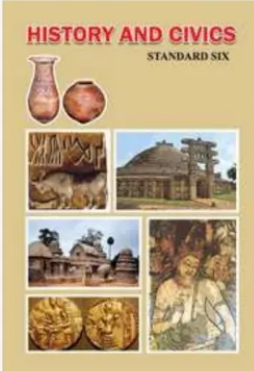
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### Questions and Answers

#### 1. *Can you tell ?*

##### Question 1.

The kings who started the minting of gold coins in India.

**Answer:**

The Kushana kings

##### Question 2.

The city established by Kanishka in Kashmir.

**Answer:**

Kanishkapur

##### Question 3.

The king who played the veena.

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**Answer:**

Samudragupta

**Question 4.**

**Another name for Kamrup.**

**Answer:**

Pragjyotish

**2. Observe the map in the lesson. List the names of the modern cities which were part of the Gupta Empire.**

**3. Discuss and write:**

**Question 1.**

**Emperor Kanishka**

**Answer:**

- Kanishka's Empire extended from Kabul in the west to Varanasi in the east.
- Gold and copper coins minted by him have been found in North India.
- The fourth Buddhist council was held in Kashmir during his reign.
- He established the city of Kanishkapur in Kashmir.

**Question 2.**

**Iron pillar at Mehrauli**

**Answer:**

- There is an iron pillar at Mehrauli near Delhi.
- It has not rusted even in the course of the last fifteen hundred years. It is an excellent specimen of the metallurgical skill of the ancient Indian people.
- The inscription on the pillar bears the names of a king called 'Chandra'. It is on this basis that the iron pillar is assumed to be of the period of Chandragupta II.

**4. Make a list of the various books and authors mentioned in the lesson:**

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- 'Milind Panha' – questions discussed between Milinda and Bikkhu Nagarsena.
- 'Buddhacharita and Vajrasuchi' – Ashvaghosh
- 'Harshacharita' – Banabhatta.
- 'Periplus of the Erythrean sea'.

**5. Make a comparative chart of the Vardhan and Gupta dynasties based on the following points.**

**Answer:**

| Points                           | Gupta Dynastry                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Vardhan Dynastry                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Founder                          | Shrigupta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Prabhakar Vardhan                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Expansion of the kingdom/ empire | The Gupta empire spread from Assam upto the Punjab. He also conquered the eastern coastal region up to Kanchi Tamil Nadu.                                                                                                                  | Harshavardhan, expanded the Vardhan Empire up to Nepal in the north, up to the river Narmada in the south, Assam in the east and Gujarat in the west.                                                          |
| Achievements                     | (i) A pillar inscription at Prayag describes Samudragupta conquest and victories.<br>(ii) He minted coins.<br>(iii) There is an iron pillar at Mehrauli near Delhi which has not rusted even after a course of last fifteen hundred years. | (i) Trade flourished.<br>(ii) Knowledge also flourished, we know this as the famous Nalanda University existed during this time.<br>(iii) He wrote three Sanskrit plays Ratnavali, Naganand and Priyadarshika. |

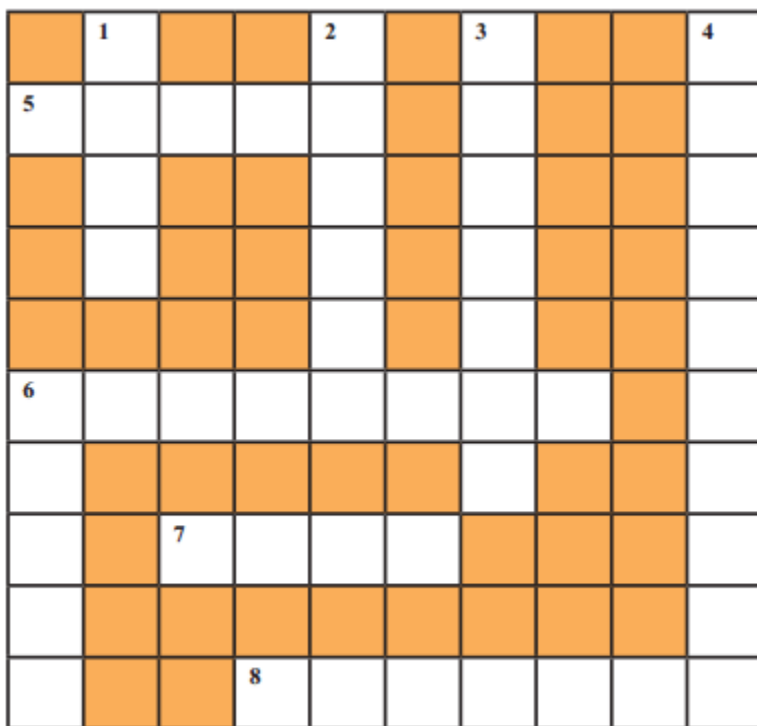
**6. What would you do if you met foreign travellers like Yuan Chwang?**

**Answer:**

If I were to meet a foreign traveller, I would extend my friendship, try to grasp information from his vast knowledge. Probably I would also have accompanied him to Nalanda University. I would also have emulated his virtues, learnt Chinese (Mandarin) and helped him translate Buddhist manuscripts.

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## 7. Solve the Puzzle:



### Down:

1. A Chinese traveller to India.
2. A famous Indo-Greek King had discussions with this Buddha Bhikkhu.
3. A poet at the court of Emperor Harshavardhan, who also wrote his biography.
4. Chandragupta II conquered this state in neighbouring Gujarat.

### Across:

5. The most famous Indo-Greek King
6. A Pali word that means question.
7. Kanishka was the first Emperor to make this from gold.
8. An ancient Indian University where the Chinese traveller Yuan Chwang stayed for two years.

### Answer:

### Down:

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1. Fa-Hien
2. Milind
3. Banabhatta
4. Malwa

**Across:**

5. Panhai
6. Menander
7. Coin
8. Nalanda

**Activity:**

Obtain more information about the rulers of the period following the Maurya period in India. Enact the role of a ruler of your choice.

**Additional Important Questions and Answers**

***Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:***

**Question 1.**

The last Mauryan emperor was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Chandragupta
- (b) Brihadratha
- (c) Ashoka

**Answer:**

- (b) Brihadratha

**Question 2.**

The Indo-Greek kings had a tradition of putting the ,\_\_\_\_\_ of the king on one side and that of a deity on the other side of the coin

- (a) map
- (b) picture
- (c) family

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**Answer:**

(b) picture

**Question 3.**

**One of the famous Indo-Greek kings was \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) Menander

(b) Alexander

(c) Nagasena

**Answer:**

(a) Menander

**Question 4.**

**Menander discussed Buddhist philosophy with the Buddhist bhikkhu \_\_\_\_.**

(a) Fa-Hein

(b) Ashoka

(c) Nagasena

**Answer:**

(c) Nagasena

**Question 5.**

**Menander is also referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) Pushyamitra

(b) Panha

(c) Milinda

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(c) Milinda

**Question 6.**

The Kushanas established their \_\_\_\_\_ in the northwestern region and in Kashmir in the first century CE.

(a) family

(b) friends

(c) rule

**Answer:**

(c) rule

**Question 7.**

The Kushan kings were the first to start minting \_\_\_\_\_ coins in India.

(a) iron

(b) copper

(c) gold

**Answer:**

(c) gold

**Question 8.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ kings started the custom of putting the images of Gautam Buddha and different Indian deities on the coins.

(a) Kushana

(b) Gupta

(c) Vardhaman

**Answer:**

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(a) Kushana

**Question 9.**

Gold and copper coins minted by Kanishka have been found in \_\_\_\_\_ India.

(a) south

(b) north

(c) east

**Answer:**

(b) north

**Question 10.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhist council was held in Kashmir during Kanishka's reign.

(a) fourth

(b) fifth

(c) sixth

**Answer:**

(a) fourth

**Question 11.**

Kanishka established the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in Kashmir.

(a) Saurashtra

(b) Malwa

(c) Kanishkapur

**Answer:**

(c) Kanishkapur

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**Question 12.**

The well-known poet \_\_\_\_\_ lived during the reign of Kanishka.

- (a) Ashvaghosh
- (b) Charaka
- (c) Nagasena

**Answer:**

- (a) Ashvaghosh

**Question 13.**

The famous vaidya \_\_\_\_\_ was also in Kanishka's court.

- (a) Chandra
- (b) Charaka
- (c) Shrigupta

**Answer:**

- (b) Charaka

**Question 14.**

The Guptas remained in power for nearly \_\_\_\_\_ centuries.

- (a) one
- (c) two
- (c) three

**Answer:**

- (c) three

**Question 15.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ was the founder of the Gupta dynasty.

- (a) Shrigupta
- (b) Samudragupta
- (c) Brihadratha

**Answer:**

- (a) Shrigupta

**Question 16.**

Samudragupta and Chandragupta II were the notable kings of the \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty.

- (a) Maurya
- (b) Gupta
- (c) Nanda

**Answer:**

- (b) Gupta

**Question 17.**

A pillar inscription at Prayag describes \_\_\_\_\_ conquests and victories.

- (a) Samudragupta's
- (b) Chandragupta's
- (c) Ashoka's

**Answer:**

- (a) Samudragupta's

**Question 18.**

Samudragupta was an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ player.

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- (a) drum
- (b) guitar
- (c) veena

**Answer:**

- (c) veena

**Question 19.**

In the Gupta period, the Bauddha bhikkhu Fa-Hien came to \_\_\_\_\_ from China.

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) India
- (c) Nepal

**Answer:**

- (b) India

**Question 20.**

\_\_\_\_\_ has written an account of his travels in India.

- (a) Harshavardhan
- (b) Yuan Chwang
- (c) Fa-Hien

**Answer:**

- (c) Fa-Hien

**Question 21.**

Prabhakar Vardhan was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Thanesar, near Delhi.

- (a) general

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(b) minister

(c) king

**Answer:**

(c) king

**Question 22.**

**The Vardhan dynasty was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) Prabhakar Vardhan

(b) Harshavardhan

(c) Kamrup

**Answer:**

(a) Prabhakar Vardhan

**Question 23.**

**Harshavardhan established friendly relations with the emperor of \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) Sri Lanka

(b) China

(c) Tamil Nadu

**Answer:**

(b) China

**Question 24.**

**The capital of Harshavardhan's Empire was \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) Kanauj

(b) Kamrup

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(c) Nalanda

**Answer:**

(a) Kanauj

**Question 25.**

Harshavardhan spent a large portion of his \_\_\_\_\_ for the welfare of the people.

(a) kingdom

(b) revenue

(c) mines

**Answer:**

(b) revenue

**Question 26.**

The court poet \_\_\_\_\_ wrote Harshacharita a biography of Emperor Harshavardhan.

(a) Fa-Hien

(b) Banabhatta

(c) Nalanda

**Answer:**

(b) Banabhatta

**Question 27.**

Harshavardhan had become a follower of \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Buddhism

(b) Jainism

(c) Judaism

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**Answer:**

- (a) Buddhism

**Question 28.**

The Buddhist Bhikkhu \_\_\_\_\_ had come to India from China during the regime of Harshavardhan.

- (a) Yuan Chwang  
(b) Fa-Hien  
(c) Magasthenes

**Answer:**

- (a) Yuan Chwang

**Question 29.**

Yuan Chwang stayed at the \_\_\_\_\_ University for two years.

- (a) Mumbai  
(b) Oxford  
(c) Nalanda

**Answer:**

- (c) Nalanda

**Question 30.**

Yuan Chwang translated many Buddhist manuscripts into \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Hindi  
(b) Chinese  
(c) Pali

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(b) Chinese

**Question 31.**

The state of \_\_\_\_\_ emerged in the fourth century CE.

(a) Harappa

(b) Mohen-jo-daro

(c) Kamrup

**Answer:**

(c) Kamrup

**Question 32.**

The epics Mahabharata and Ramayana use the name 'Tragjyotish' for \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Kamrup

(b) Magdha

(c) Avanti

**Answer:**

(a) Kamrup

**Question 33.**

The capital of Pragjyotish state was \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Kashmir

(b) Pragjyotishpur

(c) Manipur

**Answer:**

(b) Pragjyotishpur

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**Question 34.**

During the reign of King Bhaskar Varman, Yuan Chwang had visited \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Kamrup
- (b) Nalanda
- (c) Manipur

**Answer:**

- (a) Kamrup

**Match the following:**

**Question 1.**

| Column A          | Column B                              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (1) Brihadratha   | (a) Vaidya at Kanishka's court        |
| (2) Menander      | (b) First to mint gold coins in India |
| (3) Charaka       | (c) Last Maurya king                  |
| (4) Kushana kings | (d) Stayed at Nalanda university      |
| (5) Yuan Chwang   | (e) Famous Indo-Greek kings           |

**Answer:**

- 1 – c
- 2 – e
- 3 – a
- 4 – b
- 5 – d

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**Answer in one sentence:**

**Question 1.**

**Who was the last Mauryan Emperor?**

**Answer:**

The last Mauryan emperor was Brihadratha.

**Question 2.**

**How did Pushyamitra become a king?**

**Answer:**

The Mauryan general Pushyamitra Shunga revolted against Brihadratha, killed him and became the king himself.

**Question 3.**

**Which kings are known as Indo-Greek kings?**

**Answer:**

There were several small kingdoms in the northwest of the Indian subcontinent, ruled by Greek kings also known as Indo-Greek kings.

**Question 4.**

**Which Indo-Greek tradition took root in India?**

**Answer:**

The Indo-Greek had a tradition of putting the picture of the king on one side and that of a deity on the other of the coin. This tradition later took root in India.

**Question 5.**

**Name of famous Indo-Greek king.**

**Answer:**

One of the famous Indo-Greek king was Menander.

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**Question 6.**

**What is the content of Milind-Panha?**

**Answer:**

The questions that were discussed between Bhikkhu Nagasena and Milinda is the content of the book 'Milind-Panha'.

**Question 7.**

**In which region did the Kushana tribe establish their rule in India?**

**Answer:**

The Kushana tribe established their rule in the northwestern region and in Kashmir in the first century C.E.

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**Which custom was started by the Kushana kings?**

**Answer:**

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**Question 9.**

**Where was the fourth Buddhist council held?**

**Answer:**

The fourth Buddhist council was held in Kashmir during Kanishka's reign.

**Question 10.**

**Which poet and vaidya were well-known during the time of Kanishka?**

**Answer:**

During the time of Kaniska, poet Ashvagosh and vaidya Charaka were well-known.

**Question 11.**

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**Who was the founder of the Gupta dynasty?**

**Answer:**

Shrigupta was the founder of the Gupta dynasty.

**Question 12.**

**Name two notable kings of the Gupta Dynasty.**

**Answer:**

Samudragupta and Chandragupta II were the two notable kings of the Gupta Dynasty.

**Question 13.**

**Why did Sri Lanka make treaties of friendship with Samudragupta?**

**Answer:**

Due to Samudragupta's victories, Sri Lanka came to be recognised everywhere. So Sri Lanka made a treaty of friendship with him.

**Question 14.**

**Which Bhikkhu from China visited India during Chandragupta's reign?**

**Answer:**

The Buddha Bhikkhu Fa-Hein came to India from China during Chandragupta's reign.

**Question 15.**

**What do we learn from Fa-Hien's account of his travels in India?**

**Answer:**

From Fa-Hien's account of his travels in India we learn about the efficient administration of the Gupta emperors.

**Question 16.**

**Who was the founder of the Vardhan Dynasty?**

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**Why did Yuan Chwang stay at Nalanda?**

**Answer:**

Yuan Chwang stayed at the Nalanda University for two years to learn and gain more knowledge about the Buddhist manuscripts.

**Question 20.**

**Which state in ancient India is the present city of Guwahati?**

**Answer:**

The ancient state of Pragjyotish is the present city of Guwahati in Assam.

**Question 21**

**During whose reign did Yuan Chwang visit 'Kamrup'?**

**Answer:**

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