

## Chapter 7

### Question 1:

Describe the ways in which the Buddha tried to spread his message to the people.

**Answer:**

To spread his message to the people the Buddha spent his life travelling on foot, going from place to place, and teaching people. He taught in Prakrit, the common language, so that all could understand his message.

### Question 2:

Write whether true or false:

- (a) The Buddha encouraged animal sacrifices.
- (b) Sarnath is important because it was the place where the Buddha taught for the first time.
- (c) The Buddha taught that karma has no effect on our lives.
- (d) The Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodh Gaya.
- (e) Upanishadic thinkers believed that the atman and brahman were ultimately one.

**Answer:**

- (a) The Buddha encouraged animal sacrifices. **False**
- (b) Sarnath is important because it was the place where the Buddha taught for the first time. **True**
- (c) The Buddha taught that karma has no effect on our lives. **False**
- (d) The Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodh Gaya. **True**
- (e) Upanishadic thinkers believed that the atman and brahman were ultimately one. **True**

### Question 3:

What were the questions that Upanishadic thinkers wanted to answer?

**Answer:**

The questions that Upanishadic thinkers wanted to answer were about life and death, reason for sacrifices and the permanent substance in the universe.

### Question 4:

What were the main teachings of the Mahavira?

**Answer:**

The main teaching of Mahavira were that men and women who wanted to know the truth must leave their homes, they had to follow the strict rules of ahimsa, lead simple lives and had to observe celibacy.

**Question 5:**

Why do you think Anagha's mother wanted her to know the story of the Buddha?

**Answer:**

Solution not available

**Question 6:**

Do you think it would have been easy for slaves to join the sangha? Give reasons for your answer.

**Answer:**

It would not have been easy for slaves to join the sangha because they needed their master's permission to do so.

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