

Chapter 11

Question 1:

State whether true or false:

- (a) Harishena composed a prashasti in praise of Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni.
- (b) The rulers of Aryavarta brought tribute for Samudragupta.
- (c) There were twelve rulers in Dakshinapatha.
- (d) Taxila and Madurai were important centres under the control of the Gupta rulers.
- (e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas.
- (f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India.

Answer:

- (a) Harishena composed a prashasti in praise of Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni. **False**
- (b) The rulers of Aryavarta brought tribute for Samudragupta. **False**
- (c) There were twelve rulers in Dakshinapatha. **True**
- (d) Taxila and Madurai were important centres under the control of the Gupta rulers. **False**
- (e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas. **False**
- (f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India. **True**

Question 2:

Mention three authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.

Answer:

Three authors who wrote about Harshavardhana are – Banabhatta, Xuan Zang and Ravikirti.

Question 3:

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

Answer:

The Changes which we find in the armies of this time are the presence of military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever he needed them. These leaders were not paid salaries but were given grants of lands from which they collected revenue.

Question 4:

What were the new administrative arrangements during this period?

Answer:

The new administrative arrangements during this time were –

Some important administrative posts were now hereditary.

Sometimes one person held many offices.

Important men had a say in local administration.

Question 5:

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

Answer:

If Arvind was acting as Samudragupta he would have to appear as a warrior, poet and musician.

Question 6:

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

Give reasons for your answer.

Answer:

No. Ordinary people could not have understood the Prashastis. This is because they were written in Sanskrit.