# Ashoka, The Emperor Who Gave Up War

## Ouestion 1.

As per Megasthenes, how many gates were in the Pataliputra?

- (a) 20
- (b) 35
- (c) 55
- (d) 64

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) 64

## Ouestion 2.

Name of the bird which was included in the tree that was carried with emperor at the time of appearance in public:

- (a) Trained Crows
- (b) Trained sparrows
- (c) Trained parrots
- (d) Trained ducks

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) Trained parrots

## Question 3.

The duty of Dhamma Mahamatta was:

- (a) Went place to place for teaching people about dhamma.
- (b) To collect the taxes.
- (c) To punish the people who violated rules.
- (d) To award the people who are gentle.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Went place to place for teaching people about dhamma.

#### Question 4.

A sculpture of polished stone bull which was found in Rampurwa (Bihar) is now placed:

- (a) In Parliament House
- (b) In front of the Share market office at Mumbai
- (c) In Rashtrapati Bhawan
- (d) In PMO office.

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) In Rashtrapati Bhawan

## Question 5.

Name of the Ashoka's grandfather:

- (a) Bindusara
- (b) Chandragupta
- (c) Chanakya
- (d) Upgupta

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (b) Chandragupta

### Question 6.

Which city was the capital of the Mauryan Empire?

- (a) Taxila
- (b) Ujjain
- (c) Samath
- (d) Pataliputra

## **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) Pataliputra

## Question 7.

In the Mauryan Empire, taxes were collected from:

- (a) Farmers, herders, crafts persons, traders
- (b) Slaves, herders, crafts persons, traders
- (c) Farmers, slaves, crafts persons, traders
- (d) Farmers, herders, women, traders

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (a) Farmers, herders, crafts persons, traders

#### Question 8.

Megasthenes was:

- (a) A trader
- (b) An ambassador
- (c) King
- (d) Chandragupta's son

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (b) An ambassador

# Question 9.

Place where Ashokan Pillar is located

(a) Lamhi

(b) Sarnath (c) Sikral (d) Salarpur **▼** Answer Answer: (b) Sarnath Ouestion 10. What is Arthashastra (a) Place (b) Book (c) Palace (d) Officials ▼ Answer Answer: (b) Book Question 11. Royal princes often went to the provinces as \_\_\_\_\_ (a) Ministers (b) Governors (c) King (d) Administrators **▼** Answer Answer: (b) Governors Question 12. Adviser of Chandragupta Maurya (a) Buddha (b) Tansen (c) Kautilya (d) Birbal **▼** Answer Answer: (c) Kautilya

# Question 13.

The national emblem of India has been taken from the pillar at Sarnath which had

- (a) Bear
- (b) Tiger
- (c) Lion
- (d) Snake

### **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) Lion

# Question 14.

A state of an vast empire is known as

- (a) District
- (b) Capital
- (c) Provinces
- (d) Village

## **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) Provinces

# Question 15.

From whom did they collected taxes

- (a) Hunters
- (b) Farmers
- (c) Craftsman
- (d) All of these

## **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) All of these

# Question 16.

Item famous in the South

- (a) Beans
- (b) Millets
- (c) Cereals
- (d) Peppers

## **▼** Answer

Answer: (d) Peppers

## Question 17.

Item famous in the North-west

- (a) Peppers
- (b) Rice
- (c) Blankets
- (d) Gold

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Blankets

Question 18.

What is statecraft?

- (a) An art of hunting in states
- (b) An art of making pottery
- (c) An art of running an provincial government or empire
- (d) An art of making things in particular state

#### **▼** Answer

Answer: (c) An art of running an provincial government or empire

# Write true (T) or false (F)

- 1. Megasthenes wrote about the Mauryan Empire what he saw. Find out which statement is true and which is false.
- (a) Emperor was carried in gold palanquin.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: True

- (b) Guards rode elephants decorated with gold and silver.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: True

- (c) Some of guard carried trees on which lived birds.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: True

- (d) The king was normally surrounded by armed women.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: True

- (e) Pataliputra is a small city.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: False/ big city

- (f) It has 200 towers.
- **▼** Answer

Answer: False / 570 towers		
(g) The king's palace was also covered with stone carving.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		
(h) The king had special servants to taste the food.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		
<ul><li>2. The statements, which are given below, are in regards to the Kalinga, find out true or false:</li><li>(a) Kalinga is the ancient name of coastal Orissa.</li></ul>		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		
(b) Ashoka fought a war to conquer Kalinga.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		
(c) He was not horrified when he saw the violence and bloodshed.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: False		
(d) In the war more than 1.5 lakh people were captured.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		
(e) About 1 lakh people died in the war.		
▼ Answer		
Answer: True		

(f) Ashoka had observed dhamma before war.

## **▼** Answer

Answer: False/after

(g) Ashoka had lost one arm in the war.

# **▼** Answer

Answer: False

(h) He gave up Kalinga after winning the war.

# **▼** Answer

Answer: True

# Match the following

1.

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1. Chanakya	(a) Seleucus Nicator
2. Founder of Mauryan Empire	(b) Provincial capital
3. Taxila or Ujjain	(c) Arthashastra
4. Megasthenes	(d) Chandragupta

# **▼** Answer

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# Fill in the blanks

1. About ...... years ago Mauryan Empire was founded.

# **▼** Answer

Answer: 2300

2 was the founder of Mauryan Empire.
▼ Answer
Answer: Chandragupta Maurya
3. The name of book written by Chanakya is called
▼ Answer
Answer: Arthashastra
4. Ashoka's father's name was
▼ Answer
Answer: Bindusara
5. The area around was under the direct control of the emperor.
▼ Answer
Answer: Pataliputra
6. Taxila or Ujjain were the capital.
▼ Answer
Answer: provincial
7. North-west was important for blankets and south India for its and
▼ Answer
Answer: gold, precious stones

Picture Based Questions

#### 1.



- (a) Do you know what is this picture is called?
- (b) From where is it taken?
- (c) What is importance of this?

#### **▼** Answer

#### Answer:

- (a) This is known as emblem
- (b) This has been taken from a massive stone pillar situated at Sarnath near to the Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. This is an upper part of stone wherein four lions are made.
- (c) This is adopted as a national symbol. Government of India is using this as Logo. This symbol is used on stamp papers, letter heads of Members of Parliament, President and Vice President of India and many more dignitaries and on each Indian currency whether it is in form of papers or coins.

#### Map Skills

- 1. Find out following principal cities of Mauryan Empire on the Map.
- (i) Pataliputra (ii) Ujjain (iii) Taxila
- 2. Find out following places where inscriptions were found
- (i) Sarnath (ii) Sanchi (iii) Brahmagiri
- **▼** Answer

# Answer:

