

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. How were Kushanas great rulers?

Ans. The Kushanas were nomadic tribes of North-West China or Tajikistan driven by Hunas, the tribe of China. On coming to India, they defeated the IndoGreek, Parthians and Shahas. They established a powerful kingdom in North India. They were centered around Taxila and Peshawar, though later they spread their empire to Kashmir, Punjab, U.P. and even today's Rajasthan. They adapted to Indian conditions and followed Buddhism. Their greatest ruler was Kanishka.

Q.2. How did trade flourish under the foreign invaders in India?

Ans. Trade flourished during this period. The Kushanas, the Indo-Greeks, the Parthinians and the Satavahanas issued a number of gold, silver and copper coins to promote trade. Broach, Kalyan and Sopara were the important port cities which helped in promotion of trade with other countries. Development of crafts and centres of art and learning like Taxila and Ujjayani also helped in promotion of trade.