

CLASS XII

History

ASSIGNMENT 3

1. Why do you think walls were built around ancient city? What kinds of resources were mobilized to build such a wall?
2. Explain the historical importance of Prakrit as language, if texts written in it.
3. Do you think that the introduction of iron ploughs have transformed agriculture?
4. Discuss the evidence for crop production in early historic cities. In which way was it different from the evidence from Harappan cities?
5. Why is it difficult to find out what ordinary people thought about their rulers?
6. What are the differences and similarities in crafts of rural and urban areas between the Mauryan age to Gupta age?
7. What functions were played by major towns of period 600 BC – 1400 AD.?
8. Explain about Pataliputra? What do you know about the civic admin of the city?
9. Explain the factors that led to the rise of Magadha as the most powerful Mahajanapada.
10. Explain the main occupations of the people in the post Mauryan period.
11. What were the gifts brought by chiefs of the kingdoms of Deccan and South before 6th BC?
12. What different officials were appointed to supervise different occupational groups in Mauryan age?
13. Evaluate the historical importance of
 - (a) Kautilya's arthashastra
 - (b) Indus
 - (c) Allahabad pillar inscription.
14. Explain the various sources of information for the Mauryan period?
15. Why was Ashoka considered as one of the greatest rulers of India as well as of the world?
16. Why is Rudradaman famous in Indian history?
17. Who were the
18. What was the Brahmanical reaction in the Mauryan period?
19. The Gupta kings enjoyed large powers. Explain.
20. Who were the Hunas? What were the results of the Hunas invasion?
21. Describe the economic measures adopted by Mauryan rulers?
22. What was the impact of C. Asian contacts on architecture and pottery?
23. How did towns prosper in the Kushana and Satavahana Empire?
24. The period from 200 BC to 300 AD was the most flourishing period in the history of crafts and commerce in ancient India. Explain.
25. How did Indians use silver and gold currency that came to India from Rome?