

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. Write a note on Indo-Greeks.

Ans. The Indo-Greeks or Bactrians were from Northern Afghanistan. Their King Demetrius II captured Punjab. The Indo-Greek introduced coins with images of rulers for the first time. Later Menander became the king and made Sakala his capital.

Q.2. Write a note on Parthians.

Ans. The Parthians came from Central Asia and ruled over North-west India with Gandhara as their capital. Gondopherenes was their most important ruler. They were defeated by Kushanas.

Q.3. Write a note on 'significance of Silk Route' with the help of a map.

Ans. The most important reason for development and prosperity during this age was the Silk Route. Since silk was the main item of this route, it was called Silk Route. The Chinese were the first carriers of silk to other parts of the world. The main branch started from China, ran across Central Asia and ended on the West Asian provinces of the Roman Empire. It was through this route that India exported peach, ivory, textile and precious stones to other countries. It even imported gold, glass, tin and copper through this route. Many Indian rulers tried to control the Silk Route. They gave protection to merchants on this route. In return, merchants gave them a share in profit. It was a profitable route leading to prosperity of India.

