

CBSE Class –VI Social Science
NCERT Solutions
HISTORY Chapter 11
NEW EMPIRES AND KINGDOMS

Question 1. State whether True or False.

- (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 Maduari were important centres under the control of Gupta rulers. **(False)**
 - (e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas. **(False)**
 - (f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India. **(True)**
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Question 2. Mention two authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.

Answer. The two authors who wrote about Harshavardhana are:

- (1) Banabhatta, who wrote Harshacharita, in Sanskrit.
 - (2) Xuan-Zang, the Chinese traveller who left a detailed account of what he saw in Harsha's court.
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Question 3. What changes do you find in the army at this time?

Answer. The changes made in the army at this time were:

- (1) Like earlier rulers, the king maintained a well organized army, with elephants, chariots, cavalry and foot soldiers.
 - (2) There were military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever the king asked for them. They were not given regular salaries, but got grants of land. They collected the revenue and used it to maintain soldiers and horses and provide equipment for warfare. These men were known as samantas.
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Question 4. What were the new administrative arrangements during this period ?

Answer. The new administrative arrangements during this period were:

- 1. Some important administrative posts were made hereditary, e.g, the poet Harishena was a maha-danda-nayaka or the chief judicial officer, after the death of his father the previous

office holder.

2. One person held many offices, e.g, besides being a maha-danda-nayaka , Harishena was kumar-amatya which means an important minister, and a sandhi-vigrahika meaning minister of war and peace.

3. Important men probably had a greater say in local or city administration. These included nagara-shresthi or chief banker or merchant of the city, the sarthavaha or leader of the merchant caravans, the prathama-kulika or the chief craftman and the head of the Kayasthas or scribes.

Question 5. What do you think Arvind would have to do if he was acting as Samundragupta?

Answer. If Aravind was acting as Samundragupta he would have to :

- (1) Lead the army and successfully plan his campaign in almost all parts of India.
 - (2) Establish an efficient administration and a strong government.
 - (3) Look after the welfare of the people.
 - (4) Hear complaints and decide cases.
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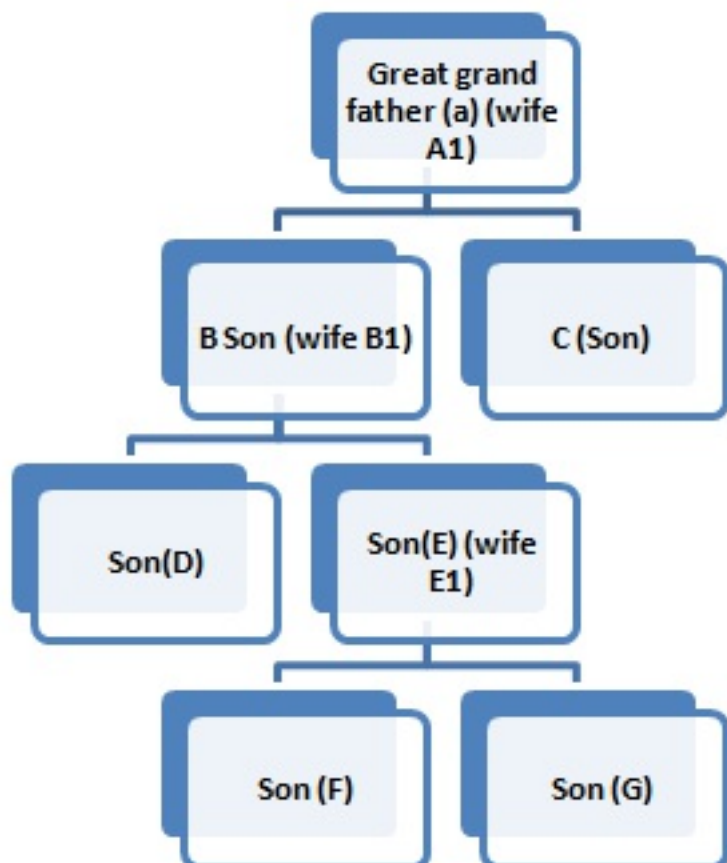
Question 6. Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis? Give reasons for your answer.

Answer:Prasahastis are the biographies of kings or records of their achievements composed by court poets and then engraved on stones in the form of long inscriptions.

- (1) The parashasti in praise of Samundragupta was written in sanskrit language, the language of the learned people.
 - (2) The parashasti was composed in very long sentences. So the ordinary people may not have read and understood the prashasti.
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Question 7. If you had to make a genealogy for yourself, who are the people you would include in it? How many generations would you like to show? Make a chart and fill it.

Answer. If I have to make a genealogy of myself. I will include 4 generations (counting myself) The names are given in Alphabets.



- (a) I am (g) I am a small boy.
 - (b) My father is (E) and mother (E1).
 - (c) My grandfather (B) and grandmother (B1).
 - (d) My great grandfather is (a) and My great grandmother is (A1).
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Question 8. How do you think wars affect the lives of ordinary people today?

Answer. In the present times, the wars will adversely affect the lives of the people e.g:

- (a) The economy of the country is disrupted and prices of the essential commodities also start rising.
- (b) There can be large scale destruction , caused due to air warfare.
- (c) Chemical warfare and use of nuclear bombs can affect not only the present generation but also many generation to come.