

HISTORY

CLASS VI

CHAPTER 11: THE GUPTA EMPIRE

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

A. Fill in the blanks:

1. In the **4th** century, a new dynasty arose in Magadha- the Guptas.
2. **Paintings, sculptures**, and various kinds of architecture are invaluable sources of information about the Gupta Age.
3. Coin issued by Samudra Gupta to mark the success of the **ashwamedha yagnya** he conducted.
4. Vikramaditya had two capitals- **Pataliputra** and **Ujjain** both of which become important trade centers.
5. Each province had a **governor**.

B. True and False:

1. Coins belonging to this period do not help us understanding different aspects of Gupta era. - **False**
2. The srenis dealt with the government on behalf of their members. - **True**
3. Nalanda was not a famous Buddhist centre of learning between 427 and 1197 CE. - **False**
4. The Puranas were rewritten in Sanskrit during the Gupta Age. - **True**
5. The king Toramana's son was Mihirakula. – **True**

C. Multiple choice questions:

1. In which country the Sultanganj Buddha is kept?
 - i) France
 - ii) Britain
 - iii) Germany
 - iv) Italy

Answer: ii) Britain

2. Name the main character of the play Abhigyanashakuntalam?
 - i) Sage Kanva

- ii) Menaka
- iii) Shakuntala
- iv) Dushyant

Answer: iii) Shakuntala

3. The Ajanta caves are located in which Indian state?

- i) Bihar
- ii) Karnataka
- iii) Maharashtra
- iv) Odisha

Answer: iii) Maharashtra

4. Who wrote the play Mrichchhakatika?

- i) Kalidasa
- ii) Harisena
- iii) Shudraka
- iv) Vishakadatta

Answer: Shudraka

5. Fa Hien describes a ----- image of Buddha.

- i) Bronze
- ii) Copper
- iii) Gold
- iv) Emerald

Answer: Copper

D. Answer in brief:

1. Name some of the famous plays of Kalidasa.

Answer: Some of the famous plays by Kalidasa are Abhignyanashakuntalam and the poems by Meghaduta and Ritusamhara.

2. What function did the srenis perform in the Gupta Empire?

Answer: The srenis dealt with the government on behalf of their members.

3. Which religion regain its popularity in the Gupta Empire?

Answer: **Hinduism regained its popularity during the Gupta Empire.**

E. Answer in detail.

1. Write a note on the Ajanta Caves.

Answer: **The Ajanta Caves are in Maharashtra. They are a group of about 35 to 40 caves cut into a cliff beside in Waghora River. They had been first carved around the 2nd century BCE as Buddhist monasteries. During the Gupta period and that of their contemporaries, the Vakataka rulers of the Deccan, the walls and the ceilings of the Ajanta Caves were decorated with beautiful murals. Colours made from natural objects were used to paint directly on the wet plaster of the cave walls. The paintings mostly depicted scenes from the life of the Buddha. The Ajanta Caves are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**