

CLASS VI

# NEW EMPIRES AND KINGDOMS

## CHAPTER 10 (question answer)

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## Exercises

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### 1. State whether true or false:

(a) Harishena composed a prashasti in praise of Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni.

(b) The rulers of Aryavarta brought tribute for Samudragupta.

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(c) There were twelve rulers in Dakshinapatha.

(d) Taxila and Madurai were important centers under the control of the Gupta rulers.

(e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas.

(f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India.

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**Ans:**

- a) False
- b) False
- c) True
- d) False
- e) False
- f) true

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**2. Mention 3 authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.**

**Ans:**



Harshavardhana

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**Ans:** The 3 authors were -

1. Banabhatta
2. XuanZang
3. Ravikirti

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**3. What changes do you find in the army of this time?**

**Ans:**



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Like earlier rulers, some of these kings maintained a well-organised army, with elephants, chariots, cavalry and foot soldiers. Besides, there were military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever they needed them. They were not paid regular salaries. Instead, some of them received grants of land. They collected revenue from the land and used this to maintain soldiers and horses, and provide equipment for warfare.



**4. What were the new administrative arrangements in this period?**

**Ans:**

1. Administrative posts turned out to be hereditary
2. On some occasions, one man had multiple posts

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

**Ans:** Arvind would have to do the following things if he was (were) acting as Samudragupta:



Samudragupta are shown on coins

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1. He had to march solemnly in splendid robes, to twirl his moustaches and wield the silver-paper wrapped sword with gusto.
2. He had to sit on the throne and play the veena and recite poetry.
3. He had to fight several battles.
4. He had to keep and help Harishena, a poet of Sanskrit in his court.

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**6. Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis? Give reasons for your answer.**

**Ans:**



Prashastis

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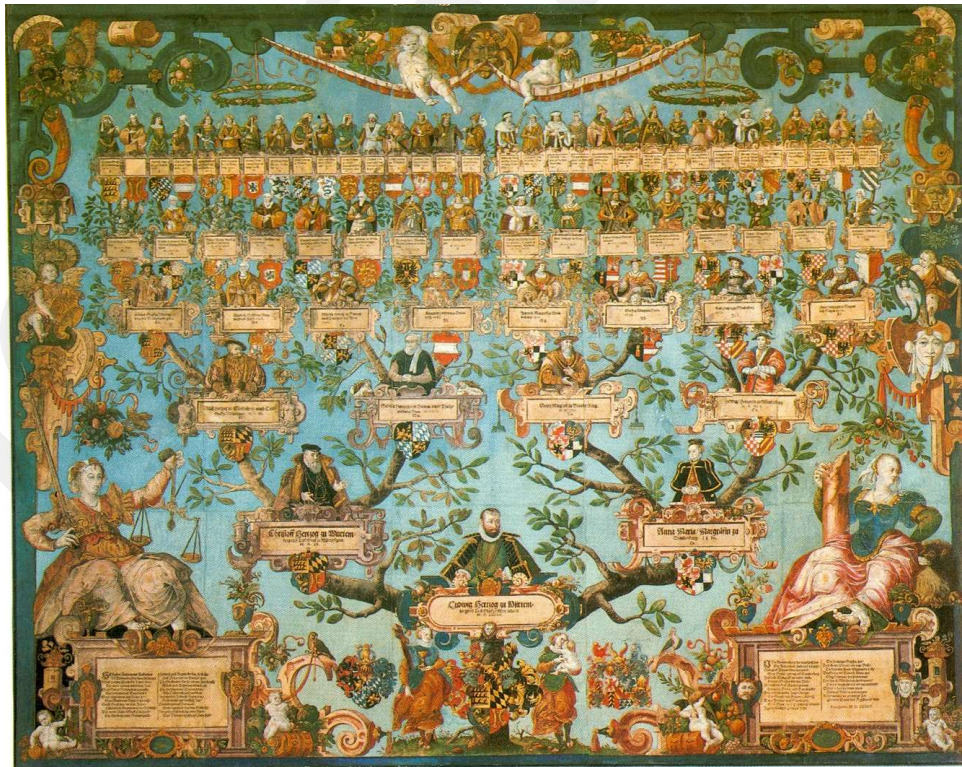
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I think ordinary people would have not read and understood the prashastis because they were illiterate and did not know Sanskrit in which the prashastis were written.

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**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.**

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**Ans:** If I had to make a genealogy for myself, I would like to include the following persons in it:

1. Name of my great grandfather.
2. Name of my grandfather.
3. Name of my father and mother.
4. The name/names of son or sons.
5. The name/names of my grandchildren.

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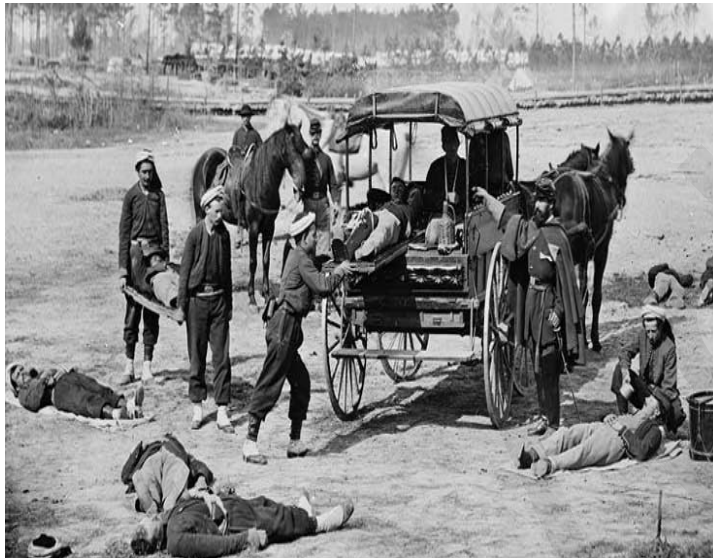
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I would like to show the following five generations:

1. Great Grandfather
2. Grandfather
3. Parents
4. My own name
5. Names of my son and grandson.



**8. How do you think wars affect the lives of ordinary people today?**



Wars effects



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**Ans:** Today wars affect the lives of ordinary people today in the following ways:

1. They are killed in a large number.
2. Their property-houses, shops, etc. are destroyed.
3. Wars create violence and disturbances in society.

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4. Development projects and welfare works undertaken by the government for the welfare and benefit of the people are disturbed and postponed.

5. Wars waste economic and other resources. The government generally imposed more taxes on the people.