

LESSON 6

The Later Vedic Civilization

1. What are the Three Later Vedas?
2. Name the two Great Indian Epics?
3. Name the kingdoms established by Indo – Aryans.
4. What is Rajasuya Yagna?
5. What is Ashwamedha Yagna?
6. Name the 4 castes during Later Vedic Civilization?
7. What are the two ruling class castes during Later Vedic Civilization?
8. Name the 4 Ashramas/Stages in the life of an Aryan.
9. Explain about Gurukul System of Education.
10. What is meant by Gurudhakshina?
11. Name the 2 highly educated women during Early Vedic Period?
12. List out the important Gods during Later Vedic Civilization?
13. Who wrote 'The Bhagavath Gita' and what does it say?
14. Who wrote 'The Mahabharata' and briefly discuss about the story?
15. What is mean by Dharma?
16. What are the 3 main principles of Hindu Philosophy?
17. What is mean by Karma?
18. What is Transmigration of the soul?
19. What was the main occupation of Aryans?
20. Which philosophy does today's Hinduism follow?
21. Explain about the main literature and sources of Later Vedic Civilization?
22. Which is the first stage of Ashramas of an Aryan life? Explain.
23. Which is the second stage of Ashramas of an Aryan life? Explain.
24. Which is the third stage of Ashramas of an Aryan life? Explain.
25. Which is the fourth stage of Ashramas of an Aryan life? Explain.
26. How does women treated during Later Vedic Civilization?
27. Explain about the impact of Aryan Culture?
28. Briefly explain about Economic Life of Aryans
29. How does society restrict equal opportunities for all during Later Vedic Civilization?
30. How many pandavas and kauravas were there in Mahabharata?

## LESSON 7

### Jainism and Buddhism

1. Name the 2 Great Preachers.
2. Explain about the procedures and customs followed in the religion during Later Vedic Period?
3. Which language does 'The vedic texts' were written?
4. Explain about the role of Brahmanas by the end of Later Vedic Period.
5. Who is Vardhamana Mahavira?
6. Explain about search for Truth of Mahavira?
7. What are the main teachings of Mahavira?
8. What is Ahimsa?
9. Explain about caste system from the teachings of Mahavira.
10. What is meant by Karma?
11. What is the highest goal of a person's life according to Mahavira?
12. Give any one difference between Digambaras and Svetambaras.
13. Explain about 'Triratna' of Jainism.
14. What is Mahavira's belief about God?
15. Name the rulers who are the followers of Mahavira.
16. Name few parts of India where Jainism is still popular?
17. How does Shudras got affected due to rigid caste system in the Later Vedic Period?
18. Explain about the early life of Gautama Buddha.
19. Explain about the 'Four Great Sights' in Siddhartha's life.
20. Explain how Gautama Buddha achieved Enlightenment.
21. What do you understand by the term 'Eight fold path' of Buddhism?
22. Why is Buddhism referred to as the 'Middle path'?
23. Explain about the 'Four Noble Truths'.
24. What is 'Karma' according to Buddha?
25. Explain about the term 'Nirvana'.
26. What are the two sects of Buddhism?
27. Give few reasons for the decline of Buddhism.
28. What is Buddha's belief about God?
29. Give any two similarities between Buddhism and Jainism.
30. Give any two differences between Buddhism and Jainism.
31. What is Moksha?
32. What is called as Sangha?
33. Name the Buddhists religious texts.

## LESSON 8

### The Rise of Magadha

1. Discuss the developments that led to the emergence of Janapadas.
2. Explain about 'Janapadas'.
3. Explain about 'Mahajanapadas'.
4. How many Mahajanapadas are mentioned in the religious texts of the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE?
5. Name the four kingdoms arose in Ancient India.
6. Name the most powerful kingdom in ancient India.
7. Name the important king of Magadha.
8. Explain about the conquest of Anga.
9. Who made Magadha the most prosperous kingdom in Northern India?
10. Who seized the throne of Magadha?
11. Explain about the Invasion of Alexander.
12. Discuss about the results of the battle between Alexander & Porus.
13. Name the Mauryan ruler unified India politically.
14. Name the ruler who submitted before Alexander.
15. List any two effects of Alexander's Invasion.
16. What is the Indo – greek school of Art known as?
17. Explain about Shakyas and Lichchhavis.
18. Who was the last king of Nanda dynasty?
19. Name the capital city of Magadha.
20. Why Alexander was not able to conquer Magadha?
21. Why Alexander was called as a remarkable men in the history of the world?
22. What was the prompt reply given by Porus to Alexander after getting defeated?
23. Who overthrew the last Nanda ruler? Name the empire established by him.
24. Where did Alexander die? At which age?
25. How many years does Bimbisara ruled kingdom of Magadha?

## LESSON 9

### The Mauryan Empire

1. Discuss briefly about the establishment of the Mauryan Empire.
2. Name the Literary sources of the Mauryan Empire.
3. Who wrote the book “Arthashastra”?
4. Give a short note about “Arthashastra”
5. Who wrote the book “Indika”?
6. Give a short note about “Indika”
7. Discuss briefly about the Archeological sources of Mauryan Empire.
8. What does silver coins of Mauryan Empire depicts?
9. Who was the adviser of Chandra Gupta Maurya?
10. How does Chandra Gupta overthrow Dhana Nanda?
11. Why did Chanakya guide Chandra Gupta?
12. How did Chandra Gupta freed North western India from Greek Control?
13. Why was Seleucus compelled to sign a treaty with Chandra Gupta? Mention 2 important terms of this treaty.
14. What was the extent of Ashoka’s Empire?
15. Who is Bindusara? Discuss few lines about him.
16. Who ascended the throne of Mauryan Empire after Bindusara?
17. Name the only kingdom that was not under Mauryan Control.
18. Explain about the extent of Ashoka’s Empire.
19. How does “Kalinga War” became a turning point in Ashoka’s Life.
20. Explain about the term “dhamma vijaya”.
21. Explain any two principles of dhamma.
22. Explain any 3 steps taken by Ashoka to propogate dhamma in and outside India.
23. Who is called “dhammamahamattas”?
24. The principles of dhamma was engraved in which language?
25. Why and where did Ashoka organized the third Buddhist council?
26. What are edicts? Why are they composed in prakrit?
27. What did Ashoka do for the happiness and welfare of his subjects?
28. Why does Ashoka occupy a unique place in the history of human civilization?
29. Discuss about the words of historian H.G.Wells’ about Ashoka.
30. Who crossed the Indus to recover the territories of Alexander?

## **LESSON 10**

### **The Mauryan Administration**

1. Discuss about the sources of Mauryan administration.
2. Briefly explain about 'Mantri parishad'.
3. Who was called as 'Mahamattas'?
4. List the departments divided in the Mauryan administration.
5. How does Mauryan empire was divided?
6. Explain the administrative structure of the Mauryan Empire.
7. What is the capital city of Mauryan Empire?
8. How many committees were there in the administration of Mauryan Empire?
9. List any 2 Departments in Mauryan Empire.
10. Mention the Main features of Mauryan administration with the reference to the spy system.
11. Explain the distinctive feature of 'Ashoka Pillar'
12. Explain about Mauryan Army.
13. Explain about 2 important features of Stupas built during the Mauryan period?
14. Which Buddhist Stupa is an outstanding specimen of Mauryan Architecture?
15. Which Mauryan Sculpture was adopted as India's National Emblem in which year?
16. Name any 2 foreign countries with whom the Mauryans had trade relations.
17. Explain about the term 'Dharma chakras'.
18. Give reasons for the growth of the Mauryan Economy.
19. Explain about the occupation of people in Mauryan Dynasty.
20. List the economic activities of Mauryan Dynasty.
21. List any 2 reasons for the decline of the Mauryan Empire.
22. Who was the last ruler of Mauryan dynasty?
23. Which kingdom defeated Mauryan dynasty?
24. Who defeated the last Mauryan ruler?
25. Who were called as "Kumaras"?
26. Who were called as "Viharas"?
27. Where is the most famous "Ashokan Pillar" Located?

## **LESSON 13**

### **Urban Local Self Government**

1. Name the local self governing bodies that look after the urban areas.
2. Name any 2 cities with local self governing bodies.
3. Who will elect the members of the municipal corporation.
4. Who is the Mayor?
5. What is the function of Mayor?
6. How does a Municipal Corporation composed?
7. Who are the members of Municipal Corporation?
8. Corporation seats are reserved for which categories of the society?
9. A Municipal corporation is elected for a period of how many years?
10. What are the 2 functions of the Municipal Corporation?
11. Mention any 2 functions of the Municipal Corporation related to Public health and Sanitation.
12. Explain about 'Water Supply System'
13. Mention any 2 Compulsory functions of Municipal Corporation.
14. Discuss about Public Health and Sanitation.
15. Mention any 2 Public works and services.
16. Explain about Public Education.
17. Explain briefly about optional functions of Municipal Corporation.
18. Who are aldermen?
19. What are Municipalities?
20. List out the committees which help Municipalities and Municipal Corporation to carry on their day to day work.
21. Explain the role of state government and the local self- governing bodies.
22. What is Metropolitan?
23. What is Sanitation?
24. What is Crematoria?
25. Who presides over the meetings of the Municipal Corporation?
26. Which education centers are established by Municipal Corporation?