

HISTORY

Ch. 7

Ashoka, The Emperor Who Gave Up War

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2. Complete the following sentences:- (Answers)
- (a) tax (b) governors (c) roads, rivers
(d) elephants, timber, honey and wax

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3. State whether 'True' or 'False':
- (a) False (b) False (c) False (d) True

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Q 1. Make a list of occupations of the people who lived within the Mauryan empire.

Ans. The people who lived in the Mauryan empire usually had the following occupations

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- Farming
- Herding
- Handicrafts
- Trading
- Hunting & gathering

Q 4. What were the problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing *dhamma*?

Ans. Ashoka wanted to solve the following problems by introducing *dhamma*:

- (a) Conflicts due to differences in religious beliefs
- (b) Animal sacrifices
- (c) Ill treatment of slaves and servants
- (d) Quarrels amongst family members and neighbours

Q5. What were the means adopted by Ashoka to spread the message of *dhamma*?

Ans. Ashoka did the following to spread the message of *dhamma* -

- (a) He appointed officials, known as the *dhamma mahamatta* who went from place to place teaching people about *dhamma*.
- (b) He got his messages inscribed on rocks and pillars, instructing his officials to spread his message to those who could not read it themselves.
- (c) He also sent messengers to spread ideas about *dhamma* to other lands, such as Syria, Egypt, Greece and Sri Lanka.

Q6. Why do you think slaves and servants were ill-treated? Do you think the orders of the emperor would have improved their condition? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. The slaves and servants were mostly prisoners of wars, that is why they were ill-treated. Yes, we think the order of the emperor would have improved their condition as he was the head of the empire. He could issue a law of punishment regarding this, so that people followed the order.
