

CHAPTER-5 | The Rise of Empires

QUIZ PART-04

1. Between which centuries did North India witness major changes?

- A. 6th and 4th century BCE
- B. 1st and 2nd century CE
- C. 10th and 12th century CE
- D. 18th and 19th century CE (A)

Explanation: The chapter mentions the 6th to 4th century BCE.

2. Among the sixteen Mahājanapadas, which became powerful?

- A. Magadha
- B. Kalinga
- C. Gandhara
- D. Avanti only (A)

Explanation: Magadha rose as a powerful kingdom.

3. Which early king helped establish Magadha as dominant?

- A. Ajātaśhatru
- B. Ashoka
- C. Alexander
- D. Porus (A)

Explanation: Ajātaśhatru was crucial in Magadha's rise.

4. Which two religious figures lived around Ajātaśhatru's time?

- A. Buddha and Mahāvīra
- B. Ashoka and Kautilya
- C. Porus and Alexander
- D. Panini and Megasthenes (A)

Explanation: Buddha and Mahāvīra were famous religious figures of that time.

5. What helped Magadha's agriculture?

- A. Fertile Ganga plains and forests
- B. Dry deserts only
- C. Lack of rivers
- D. No iron tools (A)

Explanation: Fertile land and forests supported agriculture.

6. Iron ore helped Magadha by providing —

- A. tools and weapons
- B. silk clothes
- C. paper money
- D. sea ships only (A)

Explanation: Iron powered agricultural tools and weapons.

7. Which rivers boosted transport and commerce?

- A. Ganga and Son
- B. Nile and Tigris
- C. Indus and Thames
- D. Krishna and Cauvery only (A)

Explanation: Ganga and Son supported trade and transport.

8. Who founded the Nanda dynasty?

- A. Mahāpadma Nanda
- B. Dhana Nanda
- C. Chandragupta Maurya
- D. Kautilya (A)

Explanation: Mahāpadma Nanda founded the Nanda dynasty.

9. Why did Dhana Nanda become unpopular?

- A. Oppression and exploitation
- B. Religious tolerance
- C. Building roads
- D. Protecting farmers (A)

Explanation: His oppressive rule caused discontent.

10. Panini is known for composing —

- A. Ashtadhyayi
- B. Indika
- C. Arthashastra
- D. Rock Edicts (A)

Explanation: Panini wrote the Ashtadhyayi on Sanskrit grammar.