

CHAPTER-7 | The Gupta Era: An Age Of Tireless Creativity

QUIZ PART-03

1. Which Chinese traveller visited India during the Gupta age?

- A. Megasthenes
- B. Faxian
- C. Kautilya
- D. Socotra (B)

Explanation : Faxian visited India in the early 5th century CE.

2. Faxian came to India mainly to visit —

- A. sacred Buddhist sites
- B. Roman markets
- C. Greek temples
- D. Persian forts (A)

Explanation : He came on a pilgrimage to Buddhist sites.

3. Faxian wanted to learn from Indian scholars and collect —

- A. Buddhist texts
- B. iron tools
- C. gemstones
- D. war weapons (A)

Explanation : His aim was religious and educational.

4. Faxian observed Indian —

- A. culture, governance, and society
- B. only military camps
- C. only forests
- D. only sea routes (A)

Explanation : His travelogue gives details about many aspects of society.

5. According to Faxian, people in Gupta society were —

- A. numerous and happy
- B. always at war
- C. poor and homeless only
- D. forced to register daily (A)

Explanation : Faxian describes people as numerous and happy.

6. Farmers on royal land paid —

- A. a portion of their grain
- B. only gold coins
- C. no tax ever
- D. foreign goods (A)

Explanation : Grain tax was paid by those farming royal land.

7. Who established houses for charity and medicines?

- A. Vaishya families
- B. Foreign soldiers
- C. Kings of Rome
- D. Outcastes (A)

Explanation : Wealthy Vaishya families supported charity and healthcare.

8. Faxian's account says the poor, orphans, and sick were —

- A. cared for
- B. removed from cities only
- C. ignored completely
- D. made soldiers (A)

Explanation : His account mentions medical care, food, and medicines for the needy.

9. What limitation does Faxian's account have?

- A. It gives a limited view and excludes marginalized groups
- B. It only talks about modern India
- C. It has no social details
- D. It ignores cities completely (A)

Explanation : His account reflects his perspective and does not fully represent all groups.

10. Faxian mentions harsh treatment of —

- A. chandālas
- B. Vaishyas
- C. kings
- D. scholars (A)

Explanation : Chandālas were treated as outcastes outside the varna system.