

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

QUIZ PART-01

1. What major factor helped the Gupta Empire rise?
A. Rise of the Mughals
B. Decline of the Kushana Empire
C. Defeat of the Mauryas by the Huns
D. Invention of the veena (B)

Explanation: The decline of the Kushana Empire in the 3rd century CE allowed new regional powers like the Guptas to rise.

2. The Gupta dynasty originated near present-day —
A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Kerala
C. Gujarat
D. Assam (A)

Explanation: The Gupta dynasty began near present-day Uttar Pradesh.

3. The Gupta era was known for achievements in —
A. only warfare
B. only agriculture
C. art, architecture, literature, and science
D. only sea trade (C)

Explanation: The Gupta period is remembered for major cultural, scientific, and literary achievements.

4. The Iron Pillar inscription refers to Chandragupta II as —
A. Samudra
B. Chandra
C. Kanishka
D. Ashoka (B)

Explanation: The Iron Pillar inscription mentions "Chandra," identified as Chandragupta II.

5. Chandragupta II was also known as —
A. Vikramaditya
B. Harsha
C. Kautilya
D. Faxian (A)

Explanation: Chandragupta II is remembered by the title Vikramaditya.

6. Chandragupta II was linked with which divine mount?
A. Nandi
B. Airavata
C. Garuda
D. Makara (C)

Explanation: He was a Vishnu devotee linked with Garuda.

7. The "II" in Chandragupta II's name distinguishes him from —
A. his son
B. his grandfather Chandragupta I
C. Samudragupta
D. Harshavardhana (B)

Explanation: Chandragupta II is different from his grandfather Chandragupta I.

8. Chandragupta I helped in the —
A. early expansion of the Gupta Empire
B. decline of the Gupta Empire
C. invasion of South India
D. writing of Meghadutam (A)

Explanation: Chandragupta I played an important role in the early growth of Gupta power.

9. Chandragupta II is remembered for coins and —
A. desert trade
B. strategic alliances
C. building Ajanta alone
D. ending Sanskrit (B)

Explanation: His coins and alliances helped consolidate power.

10. Why is the Iron Pillar famous?
A. It rusted quickly
B. It was made of wood
C. It remains largely unaffected by corrosion
D. It was built by the Pallavas (C)

Explanation: The Iron Pillar shows advanced metallurgy because it has resisted corrosion for centuries.