

CHAPTER-5 | The Rise of Empires

QUIZ PART-09

1. Terracotta figurines from the Mauryan period show interest in —

- A. art, jewellery, and daily life
- B. only war
- C. only farming tools
- D. only coins (A)

Explanation : Figurines show dress, ornaments, and culture.

2. The Great Stūpa at Sanchi is an example of —

- A. Indian architecture
- B. Greek war camps
- C. Persian coins
- D. Roman roads (A)

Explanation : It is one of India's oldest stone structures.

3. Aśhoka is said to have built many —

- A. stūpas, chaityas, and vihāras
- B. factories only
- C. theatres only
- D. forts only (A)

Explanation : These were built for worship, study, and meditation.

4. The life-size elephant at Dhauli symbolises —

- A. the Buddha
- B. Alexander
- C. Porus
- D. Dhana Nanda (A)

Explanation : It represents the Buddha as intelligent, powerful, patient, and calm.

5. Mauryan punch-marked coins were used for —

- A. economic exchange
- B. animal sacrifice
- C. writing books
- D. building walls (A)

Explanation : Punch marks validated coins for trade.

6. What does the aṇḍa in the Great Stūpa represent?

- A. The universe
- B. A battle shield
- C. A palace room
- D. A market gate (A)

Explanation : The aṇḍa is the central hemispherical structure symbolising the universe.

7. Walking around the stūpa in a circle is called —

- A. pradakshina
- B. satrapy
- C. shreni
- D. saptanga (A)

Explanation : Pradakshina is circular worship around the stūpa.

8. Why do empires often weaken?

- A. Regions seek independence
- B. Trade always stops immediately
- C. Successors always remain strong
- D. Distant regions become easier to control (A)

Explanation : Local independence movements weaken empires.

9. What can long wars or droughts cause?

- A. Higher tribute demands and resentment
- B. Permanent unity
- C. No economic problem
- D. More rainfall (A)

Explanation : Pressure on people can create resentment.

10. Why are empires fragile over time?

- A. They are often sustained by war and force
- B. They never face rebellion
- C. They are always small
- D. They do not need resources (A)

Explanation : Force-based control makes empires unstable.