

Class VII - Social Science

Exploring Society India and Beyond Part II

Empires and Kingdoms: 6th to 10th Centuries

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Practice Questions

Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

1. Discuss the political landscape in India during the time of Harshavardhana. How did he manage his empire and maintain stability in a time of conflict?

Hint: Look at the section detailing Harshavardhana's reign and his interactions with other kingdoms.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

2. Analyze the significance of the Tripartite Struggle for Kannauj. What were the outcomes of this struggle on the political map of North India?

Hint: Consider the results of their conflicts as discussed after Harshavardhana's reign.

3. Examine the cultural developments during 6th to 10th centuries in India. What roles did literature and religion play in shaping society?

Hint: Focus on examples of literary works mentioned in the chapter and their impact.



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Practice Questions

Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

4. What were the impacts of foreign invasions, such as those by the Hūṇas and Arabs, on Indian society during this period?

Hint: Reflect on the differences in the nature of invasions discussed in the chapter.

5. Explain how trade influenced the economies of early medieval kingdoms like the Pālas and the Chālukyas. What were the key commodities?

Hint: Remember to mention the maritime trade and key cities along trade routes.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

6. Describe the role of temples in society during the 6th to 10th centuries. How did they serve beyond religious purposes?

Hint: Look for mentions of the architectural and educational roles of temples in the chapter.

7. Reflect on the significance of the pilgrimage of Xuanzang to India. What were his contributions to the understanding of Indian culture and Buddhism?

Hint: Refer to details from Xuanzang's travelogue provided in the chapter.



Practice Questions

Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

8. Compare the governance structure of the Pālas and the Rāṣṭrakūṭas. What were their methods of control and administration?

Hint: Consider the structural details and specific rulers mentioned in the chapter.

9. Evaluate the contributions of key figures like Harṣhavardhana and Dharmapāla to education and philosophy during this period.

Hint: Look for mentions of institutions like Vikramaśhīlā or Nālandā.



Practice Questions

Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

10. What were the social implications of the reigns of the various dynasties discussed in this chapter? How did they influence daily life?

Hint: Narrow down on the social reforms and public policies mentioned.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

1. Discuss the political landscape in India during the time of Harṣhavardhana. How did he manage his empire and maintain stability in a time of conflict?

Solution: In 12-15 sentences, explore Harṣhavardhana's strategies, his administration, and his use of assemblies to garner support. Include examples of his military campaigns and alliances.

2. Analyze the significance of the Tripartite Struggle for Kannauj. What were the outcomes of this struggle on the political map of North India?

Solution: Provide an analysis of the three powers involved: the Pālas, Gurjara-Pratīhāras, and Rāṣṭrakūṭas, along with the implications their conflicts had on governance and regional stability.

3. Examine the cultural developments during 6th to 10th centuries in India. What roles did literature and religion play in shaping society?

Solution: Discuss the patronage of arts by various kings, reference poets and scholars, and the influence of Buddhism and Hinduism, including significant figures.

4. What were the impacts of foreign invasions, such as those by the Hūnas and Arabs, on Indian society during this period?

Solution: Compare the methods and aims of these invasions and analyze their long-term effects on political and social structures in India.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

5. Explain how trade influenced the economies of early medieval kingdoms like the Pālas and the Chālukyas. What were the key commodities?

Solution: Detail the economic practices and sectors that thrived due to trade in this period, including the main routes and goods exchanged.

6. Describe the role of temples in society during the 6th to 10th centuries. How did they serve beyond religious purposes?

Solution: Discuss their function as centers of learning, culture, and economy, citing examples of significant temples and their unique contributions.

7. Reflect on the significance of the pilgrimage of Xuanzang to India. What were his contributions to the understanding of Indian culture and Buddhism?

Solution: Analyze Xuanzang's journey, the texts he brought back, and the influence of his writings on cultural exchanges between India and China.

8. Compare the governance structure of the Pālas and the Rāṣṭrakūṭas. What were their methods of control and administration?

Solution: Discuss their central and local governance, the use of vassals, and differing strategies to maintain power and influence.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

9. Evaluate the contributions of key figures like Harṣhavardhana and Dharmapāla to education and philosophy during this period.

Solution: Highlight how their patronage affected educational institutions and philosophical thought, including examples of specific universities.

10. What were the social implications of the reigns of the various dynasties discussed in this chapter? How did they influence daily life?

Solution: Explore aspects like caste, class, and social mobility, and how the rulers impacted the lives of ordinary people.



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