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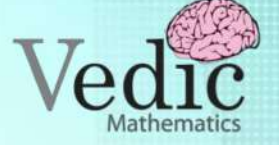
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Chapter - 05

Mauryan Empire

1. Which among the following is the oldest dynasty?

- (A) Maurya (B) Gupta
(C) Kushan (D) Kanva

2. Who amongst the following also had the name 'Devanama Piyadassi'?

- (A) Mauryan King Ashoka
(B) Mauryan King Chandragupta Maurya
(C) Gautam Buddha
(D) Bhagwan Mahavira

3. Upto where did Chandragupta Maurya's empire extend in the north west?

- (A) Ravi river (B) Indus river
(C) Satluj river (D) Hindukush range

4. Which of the following could be the most accurate description of the Mauryan monarchy under Ashoka?

- (A) Enlightened despotism
(B) Centralised autocracy
(C) Oriental despotism
(D) Guided democracy

5. The illustrious names of Aryabhatta and Varahamihir are associated with the age of the

- (A) Guptas (B) Kushanas
(C) Mauryas (D) Palas

6. In Mauryan dynasty Kalinga war took place in the year

- (A) 260 BC (B) 261 BC
(C) 126 BC (D) 232 BC

7. Which event brought about a profound change in Ashoka's administrative policy?

- (A) The third Buddhist Council
(B) the Kalinga War
(C) His embracing of Buddhism

(D) His sending missionary to Ceylon

8. The monk who influenced Ashoka to embrace Buddhism was

- (A) Vishnu Gupta (B) Upagupta
(C) Brahma Gupta (D) Brihadratha

9. The Greek ambassador sent to Chandragupta Maurya's Court was:

- (A) Kautilya (B) Seleucus Nicator
(C) Megasthenes (D) Justin

10. Arthashastra was written by

- (A) Dhanananda (B) Kautilya
(C) Bimbisara (D) Pushyamitra

11. Alexander and Porus fought a battle at

- (A) Hydaspes (B) Jhelum
(C) Panipat (D) Train

12. Seleucus Nicator was defeated by

- (A) Ashoka
(B) Chandragupta Maurya
(C) Bindu Sara
(D) Brihadratha

13. After Alexander's death the Eastern part of his empire came under

- (A) Seleucus Nicator (B) Menander
(C) Rudradaman (D) Kanishka

14. Bindusara sent Ashoka to quell the rebellion in

- (A) Swarnagiri (B) Taxila
(C) Ujjain (D) Tosali

15. Who, among the following, was not a part of the Mauryan dynasty?

- (A) Ajatsatru
(B) Bindusara
(C) Chandragupta Maurya
(D) None of these





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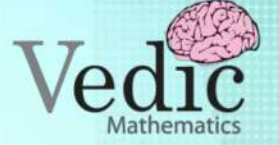
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16. Who among the following foreigners was the first to visit India?

- (A) Hiuen Tsang (B) Magasthenese
(C) I-Tsing (D) Fahien

17. Who amidst the following was a wife of emperor Ashoka who influenced him?

- (A) Chandalika (B) Charulata
(C) Gautami (D) Karuwaki

18. The Greeks were driven out of India by

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
(B) Chandragupta Vikramaditya
(C) Ashoka
(D) Bindusara

19. Which of the following dynasty succeeded the Mauryas?

- (A) Satavahanas (B) Sungas
(C) Yavanas (D) Pandya

20. Which one of the following is the principle source of information of Ashoka's campaign against Kalinga?

- (A) Pillar Edict VII (B) Mahavamsa
(C) Divyavadana (D) Rock Edict XIII

21. Ashoka spread Buddhism all over India and Ceylon by

- (A) Teaching the Triratnas
(B) Sending the Dharma Mahamantras
(C) Wagins wars
(D) Becoming a Buddhist Monk

22. In which Rock Edict Ashoka mentions about the casualties of Kalinga War and declares the renunciation of war?

- (A) Maski Edict (B) Rock Edict XIII
(C) Rock Edict XI (D) Rock Edict X

23. During the reign of Bindusara there was unrest at ____.

- (A) Ujjayani (B) Pushkalavati

- (C) Taxila (D) Rajagriha

24. Name the Greek Ambassador at the Mauryan Court.

- (A) Alexander (B) Megasthenese
(C) Plato (D) Aristotle

25. The author of 'Arthashastra' was a contemporary of

- (A) Ashoka
(B) Chandragupta Maurya
(C) Samudragupta
(D) Chandragupta Vikramaditya

26. Which Indian ruler fought the Kalinga War?

- (A) Samudragupta (B) Chandragupta
(C) Shivaji (D) Ashoka

27. The capital of the Mauryan kingdom was located at

- (A) Pataliputra (B) Vaishali
(C) Lumbini (D) Gaya

28. Who took the throne after Chandra Gupta Maurya?

- (A) Bimbisara (B) Ashoka
(C) Bindusara (D) Vishnugupta

29. Chandra Gupta Maurya spend his last days here

- (A) Kashi (B) Pataliputra
(C) Ujjain (D) Shravanabelagola

30. Who was the spatial (Sthaanik) during Mauryan's period?

- (A) District Administrator
(B) Provincial Administrator
(C) Village Administrator
(D) City Administrator

31. Chanakya was known as ____.

- (A) Rajasekhara (B) Tejasvi
(C) Kautilya (D) Vatsyayana





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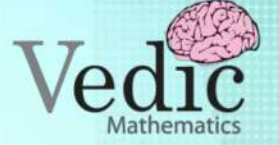
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32. Chandragupta Maurya was born in ____.

- (A) 340 BC (B) 563 BC
(C) 189 BC (D) 99 BC
Ans. (A)

33. Bimbisara was the king of which dynasty?

- (A) Haryanka (B) Maurya
(C) Shunga (D) Nanda

34. Bindusara was the son of?

- (A) Ashoka
(B) Akbar
(C) Chandragupta Maurya
(D) Shivaji

35. Ghatotkacha (who ruled in the years 290-305 B.C.) was a king from which dynasty?

- (A) Gupta Dynasty (B) Kanva Dynasty
(C) Shunga Dynasty (D) Maurya Dynasty

36. Which ruler is credited with founding the Mauryan Empire?

- a) Chandragupta Maurya
b) Ashoka
c) Bindusara
d) Brihadratha

37. What was the capital city of the Mauryan Empire?

- a) Pataliputra b) Taxila
c) Ujjain d) Magadha

38. Who was the famous advisor and mentor of Chandragupta Maurya?

- a) Chanakya b) Kalidasa
c) Vishnu Sharma d) Panini

39. The Mauryan Empire reached its greatest territorial extent under which ruler?

- a) Chandragupta Maurya
b) Ashoka
c) Bindusara
d) Brihadratha

40. What was Ashoka's policy after the Kalinga War?

- a) Expansionism
b) Non-violence
c) Religious tolerance
d) Centralization of power

41. Which of the following rock edicts of Ashoka is written in Greek and Aramaic scripts?

- a) Rock Edict XIII b) Rock Edict II
c) Rock Edict XII d) Rock Edict I

42. Which ancient text provides valuable information about the Mauryan Empire?

- a) Arthashastra b) Ramayana
c) Mahabharata d) Rigveda

43. Who was the last Mauryan ruler?

- a) Ashoka b) Bindusara
c) Brihadratha d) Dasharatha

44. Which dynasty succeeded the Mauryan Empire?

- a) Gupta b) Kushan
c) Satavahana d) Shunga

45. Ashoka's inscriptions primarily aimed at promoting:

- a) Buddhism b) Hinduism
c) Jainism d) Zoroastrianism

46. Who was Ashoka's Buddhist teacher?

- a) Nagarjuna b) Upagupta
c) Mahavira d) Buddha

47. Which battle led to the expansion of the Mauryan Empire to the Deccan region?

- a) Battle of Kalinga
b) Battle of Magadha
c) Battle of Taxila
d) Battle of Pataliputra

48. What was the main source of revenue for the Mauryan Empire?





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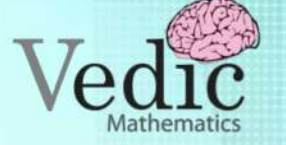
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- a) Land tax
- b) Trade tariffs
- c) Tribute from vassal states
- d) Mineral resources

49. Who was the grandson of Chandragupta Maurya?

- a) Ashoka
- b) Bindusara
- c) Brihadratha
- d) Mahapadma Nanda

50. The Mauryan Empire's decline was primarily attributed to:

- a) External invasions
- b) Economic instability
- c) Dynastic disputes
- d) All of the above

