

10. New Empires and Kingdoms – Golden Age of the Gupta Period

Worksheet 1

A Answer the following questions:

1. Why was the period of the Gupta Empire called the Golden Age?

2. What were two of the literary sources during the Golden Age?

3. What is the Prayaga Prashasti?

4. How were the provinces administered in the Gupta Empire?

5. Which literary sources tell us about Kanishka and his times?

6. Who were the Alvars and Nayanars?

B Match the words in Column A with the words in Column B:

Column A

1. Meghadutam
2. Harshcharita
3. Dashavatara Temple
4. Mudrarakshasa
5. Ashtadhyayi
6. Panchatantra
7. Kannauj
8. Shore Temple

Column B

- (a) Mahabalipuram
- (b) Panini
- (c) Harshavardhan
- (d) Kalidasa
- (e) Pandit Vishnusharma
- (f) Banabhatta
- (g) Deogarh
- (h) Vishakhadatta

Worksheet 2

- (A) Mark the extent of the Gupta Empire on a map of India along with other kingdoms that existed at the time.
- (B) Mark the extent of Harshavardhana's Empire, along with other kingdoms that existed at the time.