

7. The First Empire in India

Worksheet 1

A Answer the following questions briefly:

1. Name two literary sources of information about the Mauryan Empire.

2. Who was Chandragupta Maurya's advisor and mentor?

3. Who were Dhamma Mahamatras?

4. What were the provinces of the Magadha Empire?

5. Who looked after the village administration of Magadha?

6. Where was Ashoka's Dhamma code inscribed?

7. From where is India's national emblem taken and what is it?

8. Why was Taxila famous?

B Fill in the blanks with suitable words and phrases:

1. Chandragupta overthrew the _____ ruler and established the _____ empire, under the guidance of his mentor, _____ who was the minister in the court of the previous ruler, _____.
2. Alexander's general, _____ was in charge of the eastern part of his empire. Chandragupta defeated him and acquired _____, _____ and _____ and married off his daughter, thus forming an alliance.
3. Ashoka asked people to live in _____ and _____; speak the _____; cultivate _____, _____ and _____; treat everyone with _____ and _____, and to follow the path of _____.
4. The provinces of Magadha were divided into districts called _____ that were looked after by _____, assisted by _____ [superintendents], _____ [sub-officers], _____ [provincial officers] and _____ [district officers].

Worksheet 2

- A On the map of Asia, show the spread of Buddhism in and beyond India.