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Subject: Social Science

Lesson: 20-Ashoka the Great

New Words:

1. dynasty
2. moat
3. destructive
4. edicts
5. follower
6. stupa
7. inscriptions
8. benevolent
9. reign
10. glorious

Define the following terms:

1. dynasty: a series of rulers from the same family
2. reign: the period of king's rule
3. devastation: great damage
4. edicts: official orders given by person in power
5. inscriptions: writing carved in rocks and pillar
6. moat: a water body surrounding a fort
7. stupas: a dome shaped building where the Buddhists worship
8. benevolent: kind

Fill in the blanks:

1. Patliputra was the capital of Ashoka.
2. Ashoka was a follower of Buddhism.
3. The Lion capital of Ashoka pillar in Sarnath is the national emblem of India.
4. Ashoka's son Mahendra and daughter Sanghamitra played a major role in spreading Buddhism in Ceylon.
5. Ashoka belonged to the Mauryan Dynasty.

Answer these questions:

Q1. Who was Ashoka?

Ans. Ashoka was a great Mauryan king.

Q2. What did Ashoka decide after the war with Kalinga?

Ans. Ashoka decided not to fight any wars after the war with Kalinga.

Q3. Describe the capital city of Ashoka.

Ans. i) Patliputra was one of the world's largest cities.

ii) It was surrounded by a high wall and a moat.

Q4. What steps did Ashoka take for the welfare of his people?

Ans. i) Ashoka built roads, rest houses, hospitals for the welfare of the people.

ii) He also dug wells and planted trees.

Q5. Mention any two ideals of Ashoka.

Ans. Two ideals of Ashoka are:

i) always speak truth

ii) respect elders

Think and answer:

Omitted.