

Chapter 10 New Empires and kingdoms

1. State whether true or false:

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2. Mention 3 authors who wrote about Harshavardhana.**Solution 2:**

The 3 authors were.

- 1. Banabhatta
- 2. Xuan Zang
- 3. Ravikirti

3. What changes do you find in the army of this time?**Solution 3:**

Like earlier rulers, some of these kings maintained a well-organised army, with elephants, chariots, cavalry and foot soldiers. Besides, there were military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever they needed them. They were not paid regular salaries. Instead, some of them received grants of land. They collected revenue from the land and used this to maintain soldiers and horses, and provide equipment for warfare.

4. What were the new administrative arrangements in this period?

Solution 4:

1. Administrative posts turned out to be hereditary
2. On some occasions, one man had multiple posts.

5. What do you think Arvind would have to do if he was acting as Samudragupta?**Solution 5:**

Give importance to science, astronomy, music, and art.

6. Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis? Give reasons for your answer.**Solution 6:**

Ordinary people would not have read and understood the prashastis since Sanskrit is not the language of ordinary people.

Let's Do**7. If you had to make a genealogy for yourself, who are the people you would include in it? How many generations would you like to show? Make a chart and fill it.****Solution 7:**

It is a class activity for the students.

8. How do you think wars affect the lives of ordinary people today?**Solution 8:**

1. It affects the livelihood of people
2. It affects the trade and business
3. People may incur personal loss due to the loss of lives of near and dear ones and property.