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Empires of India

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Who attempted to conquer the Indian subcontinent in 327 BCE?

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| A. Sun Tzu | C. Alexander the Great |
| B. Leonidas I | D. Genghis Khan |

2. Chandragupta Maurya's rise to power was precipitated by which of these?

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| A. A mass exodus from the Indus Valley Civilization | C. A centuries-long drought |
| B. The death of Alexander the Great | D. The domestication of livestock |

3. Chandragupta { } the communities of northern and central India.

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| A. integrated | C. polarized |
| B. divided | D. isolated |

4. Chandragupta turned to Jainism after the Maurya Empire was struck by a(n) { }.

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| A. pandemic | C. famine |
| B. typhoon | D. earthquake |

5. Renowned for his deadly conquests, Ashoka ultimately { }.

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| A. died in battle | C. raised the world's largest army |
| B. conquered much of Asia | D. disavowed violence |

6. Which religion did Ashoka adopt and work to spread?

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| A. Buddhism | C. Hinduism |
| B. Jainism | D. Judaism |

7. The Gupta Empire was founded thanks to a series of {}.

- A. political alliances
- B. military victories
- C. strategic marriages
- D. All of the above

8. During the reign of the Gupta kings, Indian scholars did which of these?

- A. Determined the Earth's circumference
- B. Explained the concept of infinity
- C. Created our modern numerical system
- D. Developed the scientific method

9. After the fall of the Gupta Empire, the next Indian empire emerged in the {} century.

- A. 7th
- B. 14th
- C. 16th
- D. 19th

10. Which group is at the top of the caste system?

- A. Vaishya
- B. Brahmin
- C. Dalit
- D. Sudra