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# Empires of India - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

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

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

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

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

- ☒ A. integrated
- B. divided
- C. polarized
- D. isolated

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

- A. pandemic
- B. typhoon
- ☒ C. famine
- D. earthquake

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

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

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

- ☒ A. Buddhism
- B. Jainism
- C. Hinduism
- 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