

## **Chapter 9 – State, Society, and Quest for Salvation in India**

**Historical Thinking Skills Questions:** Fully answer the following questions in your notebook.

### **The Mauryan Dynasty (Text pages 208-211)**

1. **Cause –Effect:** What influence on India’s development did Darius of the Persian Achaemenid Empire and Alexander the Great (of Macedon) have ?
2. What main form of administration to control his empire did Chandragupta establish?
3. Your textbook states that Ashoka (Chandragupta’s grandson) is much better known as a governor than a conqueror. Identify the main features of Ashoka’s rule.
4. How did Ashoka help enhance his empire’s economy?

### **The Gupta Dynasty (Text pages 212-213)**

1. **Compare-Contrast** the political organization of the Gupta Empire (established by Chandra Gupta) with that of the Mauryan Empire (established by Chandragupta Maurya).
2. **Compare and Contrast** the main reasons for the decline and fall of Mauryan Empire with of the Gupta.

### **Long Distance Trade (Text pages 214-215)**

1. **Change and Continuity Over Time:** Identify and Explain the ways in which trade changed (causes, features, methods, products) over time during the Mauryan and Gupta Empires, as well as any features that stayed the same and illustrate a continuity.