

## CHANAKYA AND RAKSHASA

Choose the correct answer from the four alternatives given below: The correct answers are underlined

1. Chandragupta was helped by ———— to become the king of Magadha.  
 a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People
2. Who placed Chandragupta on the throne?  
 a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People
3. Chanakya chose Rakshasa as the minister of his king because he was  
 a. brave      b. Kind      c. strong      d. Wise
4. The great minister of Nanda Kingdom was  
 a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People
5. A very clever man of Chandragupta kingdom was  
 a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People
6. Chanakya wanted to win over Rakshasa because he was on the side of  
 a. Guptas      b. Kadambas      c. Mauryas      d. Nandas
7. The dear friend of Rakshasa was  
 a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People
8. Chanakya gave ———— time to Rakshasa to come to him  
 a. a week      b. Two days      c. a fortnight      d. a month
9. Chandan Das was brought to the market place to cut off his  
 a. nose      b. Head      c. hands      d. Legs

10. Who became the king of Magadha?

- a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. Chandragupta

11. Chandan Das was treated at the end with a

- a. great honour      b. Rich presents      c. great power      d. a & b

12. The life of Chandan Das was saved by

- a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People

13. The enemies of Chandragupta were

- a. Nandas      b. Mauryas      c. Guptas      d. Moghals

14. The man appeared at the market place when the order was read out was

- a. Chanakya      b. Rakshasa      c. Chandan Das      d. People

### Comprehension

A. Read the questions and discuss with your partner. Then write the answer in your note book :

1. Who was Chandan Das? What kind of a man was he?

Chandan Das was a dear friend of Rakshasa. He was a confidential man.

2. What was the great task that Chanakya did?

Chanakya helped Chandragupta to become the king of Magadha.

3. Why did Chanakya want to win over Rakshasa?

Chanakya wanted a wise and able minister to help Chandragupta to rule the kingdom. He found these qualities in Rakshasa but he was on the side of the Nandas. To make Rakshasa Chandragupta's minister he wanted to win over him.

4. What plan did Chanakya hit upon to find out Rakshasa?

Chanakya knew that Rakshasa would come to save the life of Chandan Das so he imprisoned Chandan Das, the friend of Rakshasa. Then he announced throughout the

kingdom if minister Rakshasa does not return within a fortnight he will cut off the head of Chandan Das. This plan hit upon Chanakya to find out Rakshasa.

5. What happened when the order was read out?

When the order was read out, Rakshasa came to the market place rushing and crying to save the life of Chandan Das.

6. How was Chandan Das treated in the end?

Chandan Das was treated with great honour in the end. He was given rich presents.

7. How did Rakshasa look when he appeared at the market place?

Rakshasa seemed to have come from a long distance and his clothes were dusty. He was all over with sweat and looked tired.

8. Why was Chandan Das taken to market place?

Chandan Das was taken to market place to cut off his head because Rakshasa did not return within a fortnight.

9. Why did the people come to the market place?

The people came to the market place to see what would really happen to Chandan Das.

10. Why did Chanakya imprison Chandan Das?

Chanakya imprisoned Chandan Das to find the whereabouts of Rakshasa.

11. Why did the people at the market place shout in joy?

The people at the market place shouted in joy as Rakshasa appeared there.

**B. Answer the following question in four to five sentences each:**

1. How did Chanakya succeed in securing the service of Rakshasa?

Chanakya played an important role in placing Chandragupta on the throne. He wanted a wise and able minister to help Chandragupta to rule the kingdom. He found these qualities in Rakshasa but he was on the side of the Nandas and had hidden himself.

somewhere. Chanakya knew that Rakshasa would come to save the life of his close friend Chandan Das so he imprisoned him. Then he announced throughout the kingdom if minister Rakshasa does not return within a fortnight he will cut off the head of Chandan Das. When Rakshasa came to save the life of Chandan Das, he caught him and persuaded to be the minister of Chandragupta. Thus he secured his service.

C. Read the statement and answer the following questions.

1. "Here I am"!

a. Who said this?

Rakshasa

b. Who was it said to?

It was said to Chanakya.

c. When was it said?

It was said when the order was read out to cut off the head of Chandan Das.

2. "Oh, it was Minister Rakshasa"!

a. Who said this?

The people gathered at the market place said this.

b. When was it said?

It was said when Rakshasa appeared at the market place.

c. Where was it said?

At the market place.

d. What was the emotion expressed?

Happiness and surprise

3. "Only one thing remained for him to do".

a. What was one thing remained for him to do?

To find a wise and able minister to help Chandragupta to rule the kingdom.

b. Who does the word 'him' refer to?

Chanakya

c. For whom did he want to do that thing?

For Chandragupta.

4. "The news spread far and wide like wildfire"

a. What was the news about?

The news was that the head of Chandan Das would be cut off.

b. Who announced this news?

Chanakya

c. Where was the news announced?

Through out the kingdom.

5. "He made him agree to be the minister of Magadha".

a. Who made him agree?

Chanakya

b. Who does the word 'him' refer to?

Rakshasa

c. Why was he made the minister?

Because he was wise and able to become the minister.

6. His clothes were dusty.

a. Whose clothes are referred here?

Rakshasa's

b. Why were his clothes dusty?

Because he came from a long distance.

c. Where was the person then?

At the market place.

7. His choice fell on Rakshasa

a. Why his choice fell on Rakshasa?

— Because he was an able and wise minister.

b. Who was Rakshasa?

Rakshasa was a dear friend of Chandan Das

c. Whose choice fell on Rakshasa?

Chanakya's

8. He seemed to come from a long distance.

a. Who does the word 'he' refer to?

Rakshasa

b. Where was he then?

At the market place.

c. Why did he come there?

To save the life of Chandan Das.

9. He had hidden himself somewhere.

a. Who had hidden himself ?

Rakshasa

b. Who knew his hidden place?

Chandan Das

c. Who wanted him to catch?

Chanakya