

**Class -VI HISTORY****New Questions and Ideas**

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**Answer1:** Buddha tried to spread his message to the people in the following ways:

1. Buddha taught in the language of the people, Prakrit, so that everyone could understand his message.
2. He spent his life in traveling on foot, going from place to place, teaching people, till he passed away at Kurnava.
3. He also encouraged people to think for themselves, rather than simply accept what he said.

**Answer2:**

- (a) The Buddha encouraged animal sacrifices. **(False)**
- (b) Sarnath is important because it was the place where Buddha taught for the first time. **(True)**
- (c) The Buddha taught that karma has no effect on our lives. **(False)**
- (d) The Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodhi Gaya. **(True)**
- (e) Upanishadic thinkers believed that Atman and Brahman were ultimately one. **(True)**

**Answer3:** The questions which Upanishadic thinkers wanted to answer:

- (1) They wanted to know about life after death.
- (2) They wanted to know why sacrifices should be performed.
- (3) They believed that there was something permanent in the universe that would last even after death. They described this as 'Atman' or individual soul.
- (4) They believed that ultimately both the Atman and the Brahman were one.

**Answer4:** The main teachings of Mahavira are:

- (1) He taught a simple dharma: men and women who wished to know the truth must leave their homes.
- (2) He strictly follows the rules of Ahimsa, which means not hurting or killing living beings.
- (3) To all things life is dear.

**Answer5:** Ananda's mother wanted her to know about the story of Buddha because she was going on a school trip to Varanasi. Varanasi has many places like Sarnath, which are closely related to the life of Buddha. It would have enriched her knowledge about one of the greatest teachers and preachers of ancient times.

**Answer6:** Those who wanted to join the Sangha had to take permission from their parents or their masters. The masters would not give permission easily, because slaves worked very hard and did not get wages. So it was difficult for the slaves to join the Sangha.

**Answer7: The five ideas are:**

1. Life is full of sufferings.
  2. People should be kind to others and respect all lives.
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3. People should be taught in their own language.
4. People should know about life after death.
5. People should lead simple lives.

**Answer8:** Mother Teresa was one such lady who gave up worldly pleasures and decided to serve humanity. She had become a nun at very early age. The sufferings of the people, especially the people affected by leprosy, made her serve humanity. She started many homes, where the sick, old and infants were looked after. She wore simple clothes, a white cotton Saree with a blue border and ate the same food as other.

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