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**Q.1** Fill in the following blanks using the given word bank. [ 5 ]

queen	Spartans	emperor	sick	city state
Governors	women	Consuls	Republic	Athenians

Like the \_\_\_\_\_, the Romans set up a \_\_\_\_\_. It was a type of government in which power is held by the people. And as in Athens, \_\_\_\_\_ and slaves were not allowed to take part. In this kind of government, there was no king or \_\_\_\_\_. A group of one hundred men called 'The Senate' ruled Rome. Every year two officials called the \_\_\_\_\_ were chosen to lead the Senate.

**Q.2** Look at the given sources carefully and answer the following questions. [ 10 ]

**Source A** [ 5 ]

Coins were a useful way of spreading information over a wide area. Coins carried pictures and inscriptions which gave the people information about their rulers. A ruler's titles, inscribed on coins, made him or her appear important. The rulers of the Persian Empire, as well as the Mauryan, Roman and Gupta rulers, all used impressive titles – for example, 'King of Kings' or 'Pontifex Maximus'. Rulers also like pictures and statues which made themselves look strong and brave, or larger than life size, to impress people.

*An excerpt from History Today – Book 1 by Teresa Crompton*

a. Coins were a useful way of spreading information over a wide area. Why do you think it was so? [ 2 ]

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b. The source talks about different rulers. Out of all these, whom do you think would have adopted the title of Pontifex Maximus? [ 1 ]

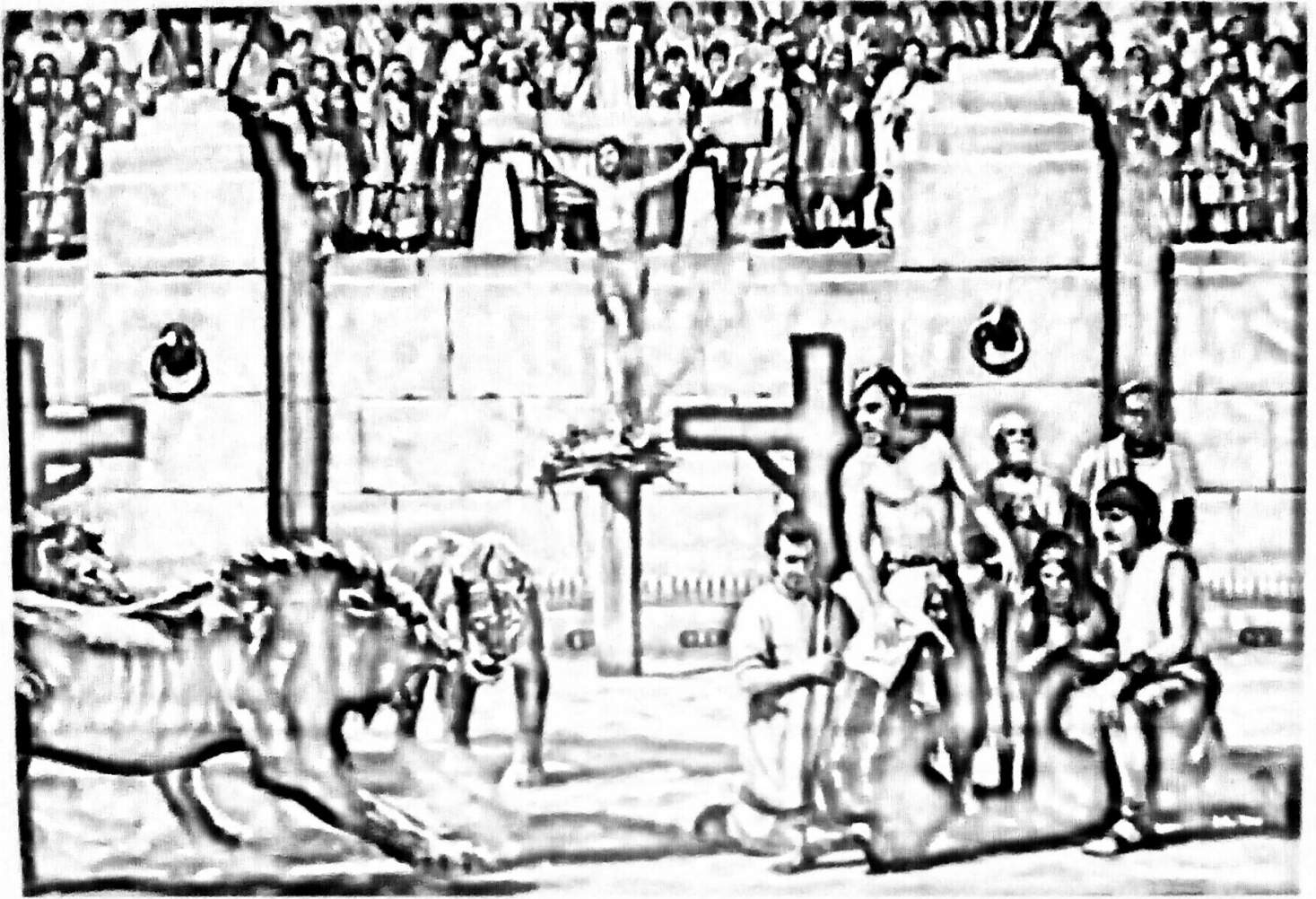
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c. Why did the rulers like to have their pictures and statues made? [ 2 ]

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Christians in the Coliseum

a. According to the source why were the Christians being persecuted? [1]

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b. Why could there be so many people gathered as seen in the background of the source? [1]

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c. Do you think Christians could have saved themselves from this treatment? Support your answer with an argument. [2]

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d. Why do you think they tried or did not try to save themselves from this treatment? [ /1]

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Q.3 Identify the following with the help of given clues.

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a. I contain the detailed histories of Akbar the Great's life and conquests. Who am I?

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b. I failed to capture Magadha at the first attempt but did not lose heart and overthrew the last Nanda King of Magadha. Who am I?

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c. I had been a successful leader of Macedonia because I reorganized my soldiers and grouped foot soldiers into a phalanx. I enlarged the Macedonian Empire. Who am I?

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d. I wrote a book about my travels and have described the wealth and magnificence of the Mauryan court and Pataliputra. The name of the book is Indica. Who am I?

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e. I was a Buddhist pilgrim. I set out from China to travel to India to learn more about Buddhism. I had to travel through the Pamir Mountains. Who am I?

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Q.5.a Describe some of the improvements brought about by Ashoka to make life better for his subjects. [4]

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b. What evidence suggests that Chandragupta had complete control over the Empire? [6]

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