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HST 103 Legacies of Empire: From the Mauryas to the Mughals

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Answer any four of the following questions. Each question carries 5 marks. The answer should be in 250 to 300 words.

(1) Based on the readings on the Mauryan Empire, imagine yourself to be the emperor Ashoka from the Kalinga War onwards and discuss some of the policy decisions to be adopted for the welfare of the people of the empire.

(2) A well-functioning economy was the cornerstone on which the success of the Mauryan Empire depended. Elaborate this statement by discussing state support given to agriculture, trade, and crafts manufacturing.

(3) The Gupta Empire witnessed remarkable achievements in arts, architecture, metallurgy and medical sciences. What explains these extraordinary achievements?

(4) Compare the imperial ideologies of the Maurya and Gupta rulers.

(5) How did the Chola rulers articulate their imperial sovereignty?