Gupta Empire Questions

**Universities**

1. Who were schools open to?
2. What kind of classes did Hindu universities provide?
3. What is the most famous university called?
4. What did medical students use to cure people?

**Literature**

1. What kind of literary works did writers produce?
2. What did the Puranas describe?
3. What is the Mahabharata?
4. What is Prince Arjuna taught in the Bhagavad Gita?
5. What famous Arabian tale was inspired by Gupta folktale?

**Painting**

1. What were paintings often done on?
2. What are the Ajanta cave murals?
3. What do the Ajanta murals show?

**Sculpture**

1. What were sculptures made out of?
2. What did many of these statues portray?
3. Describe the sculpture of the river deity Ganga?

**Metalwork**

1. What did Gupta kings use for metalwork?
2. What were on the Gupta coins?
3. Describe the iron pillar at a place called Meharauli?

**Mathematics**

1. What did Hindu mathematicians do with zero, and why was this important?
2. What were four of the achievements of Aryabhata?
3. What did Gupta builders use mathematics for?

**Roads**

1. What did the Gupta’s do to make well-built roads?
2. What is something both the Indians and Romans did to help with traveling during bad weather?
3. How did signs help improve their road system?

Task B

Answer the following questions within 2 paragraphs using evidence from the reading **“Why was the Gupta Empire considered the ‘Golden Age’ of India and what major achievements were made?”**