6-3 Notes

* Chandragupta Maurya founded India’s first empire.
* Chandragupta set up a well-organized gov’t, a strong army and a postal service.
* Pataliputra was the empire’s capital city.
* Asoka was history’s first great Buddhist king. He hated bloodshed and developed a prosperous empire.
* Asoka had laborers build thousands of stupas – Buddhist shrines that have the shape of a dome.
* The Gupta Empire – grew wealthy from trade, gave full support to Hinduism and was a golden age of art and learning.
* Artists, builders, scientists, and writers produced many works during the Mauryan and Gupta Empires.
* The Vedas of India are an ancient collection of sacred verses, hymns, prayers and teachings.
* Krishna is the Hindu god – teacher of the world.
* Indian mathematicians developed the idea of zero and a symbol to represent it.
* Gupta mathematicians created the symbols for the numbers 1 to 9 that we use today.
* They also explained the concept of infinity – something without an end.