DIRECTIONS  Read each sentence. Fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. The Mauryan Empire began after an army of ____________________________ seized control of northern India. (Asoka/mercenaries)

2. ____________________________ was a strong ruler who conquered other kingdoms and made his own empire stronger and richer. Later, he converted to Buddhism and swore that he would not fight any more wars. (Asoka/Huns)

3. The Mauryan Empire was founded by ____________________________, who ruled with a complex government that included a network of spies and a huge army. (Candra Gupta II/Candragupta Maurya)

4. When the ____________________________ from Central Asia invaded India, it led to the end of the Gupta Dynasty. (edicts/Huns)

5. Under the ____________________________, Hinduism became popular again, but the rulers also supported Buddhism and Jainism. (Gupta Dynasty/Huns)

6. Asoka had stone pillars carved with Buddhist ____________________________ built. (edicts/mercenaries)

7. Under Emperor ____________________________, Gupta society stretched all the way across northern India. The empire’s economy strengthened and people prospered. (Candra Gupta II/Candragupta Maurya)