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Ans. There were many problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing dhamma.

- i. People in the empire followed different religions, and this sometimes led to conflict.
- ii. Animals were sacrificed.
- iii. Slaves and servants were ill-treated.
- iv. Besides, there were quarrels in families and amongst neighbours.

Q2. Describe the Mauryan people?

Ans. Merchants, officials and crafts persons probably lived in these cities. In other areas there were villages of farmers and herders. In some areas such as central India, there were forests where people gathered forest produce and hunted animals for food. People in different parts of the empire spoke different languages. They probably ate different kinds of food, and wore different kinds of clothes as well.

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- i. Ashoka fought a war to conquer Kalinga.
- ii. However, he was so horrified when he saw the violence and bloodshed that he decided not to fight any more wars.
- iii. He is the only king in the history of the world who gave up conquest after winning a war.
- iv. He decided to observe dhamma and to teach others about it as well.