

# Civil Services Preliminary Examination



UPSC/IAS/PSC

History of India - Question Bank



# History MCQ for IAS and State Prelims Exam

## Practice Quiz for Civil Service Examinations

1 Consider the following statement about **Harappan Agriculture system**:

1. The bull was known to the people of Harappan Civilization
2. Evidence of plough field has been found at Harappan sites
3. Harappan agriculture was dependent on monsoon and no irrigation facility was required

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 2 and 3
- c) All 1,2 and 3
- d) Only 1 and 3

2 Consider the following statement about Harappan culture:

1. Harappans did not believe in life after death
2. Harappan civilization was a classless society

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) Only 1

- b) Both 1 and 2
- c) Only 2
- d) None of the above

3 Consider the following about Mauryan Empire:

1. There was a uniform administrative system throughout the length and breadth of the Mauryan Empire
2. Asoka used the message of dhamma as a political tool to keep the large Mauryan Empire together

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) Only 1
- b) Both 1 and 2
- c) Only 2
- d) None of the above

4 Consider the following statement about Ashokan edict:

1. Asoka was the first ruler to speak directly to his people through the inscriptions
2. They are found only in India
3. The inscription was written in Brahmi script, Kharoshti script and Greek script

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 2 and 3

c) All 1, 2 and 3

d) Only 1 and 3

5 Which of the following are sites of Mesolithic Period?

1. Langhnaj in Gujarat
2. Bhimbetka and Adamgarh in Madhya Pradesh
3. Bagor in Rajasthan

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

a) Only 2

b) Only 1 and 3

c) All 1, 2 and 3

d) Only 2 and 3

6 The rigidity of Varna system was maintained by Brahmans by following which of these strategies:

1. They asserted that Varna order was of divine origin
2. They advised kings to ensure that the system is followed in his kingdom
3. The system was reinforced by the stories told in religious text

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

a) Only 1 and 2

b) Only 2



c) Only 1

d) All 1, 2 and 3

7 Consider the following about Jain Philosophy:

1. The principle of Ahimsa is derived from the Jain Philosophy
2. Jain did not believe in the cycle of birth and death based on Karma

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

a) Only 1

b) Both 1 and 2

c) Only 2

d) None of the above

8 Consider the following statement about Buddha's teaching

- The Buddha regarded the social world as the creation of humans rather than of divine origin
- Buddha emphasized on the individual agency to attain Nirvana

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

a) Only 1

b) Both 1 and 2

c) Only 2

d) None of the above

9 Arrange the following in increasing order of hierarchy of administrative unit during Gupta period

1. Bhuktis
2. Vithis
3. Vishaya
4. Village

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) 1324
- b) 3214
- c) 1234
- d) 3124

10 Consider the following about the status of women in **Gupta period**

1. Women of higher Varna were free to earn a livelihood but not the women of lower Varna.
2. Women of higher Varna were free to live an independent life without male subordination.

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

- a) Only 1
- b) Both 1 and 2
- c) Only 2
- d) None of the above



11 Which of the following Indian states have their **own Flag**?

1. Sikkim
2. Jammu and Kashmir
3. Nagaland
4. Mizoram

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

a) 1 and 2 Only

b) 2 and 3 only

c) 1 Only

d) 2 only

12 Consider the following statements:

1. Black Carbon particles strongly absorb solar and terrestrial radiation and heat up the atmosphere and it can upset the monsoon system.
2. Brown Carbon is also known as organic carbon and it comes from complex organic reactions in the airborne atmospheric particles.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

a) 1 Only

b) 2 Only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

13 Which of the following state has become the first in the country to operationalise a law that makes the

social audit of government programs and schemes a part of government practice?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Telangana
- c) Kerala
- d) Sikkim

14 **Project MIDAS** is associated with which of the following:

- a) It aims to deploy artificial reefs in Gulf of Mannar to save the sinking islands due to sea level rise and climate change
- b) It is a U.K.-based Antarctic research project that has been looking at the ice shelf for many years
- c) The project aims to develop a cost-effective forecast system using satellite-monitoring, collecting water samples and using special sensors to measure bacterial and chemical pollution in rivers
- d) The project aims to control desertification by involving local communities

15 Which of the following islands had recently imposed a Garbage emergency?

- a) Borneo
- b) New Guinea
- c) Bali



d) Sumatra

**Answer Key 1-a, 2-d, 3-c, 4-d, 5-c, 6-d, 7-a, 8-b, 9-a, 10-d, 11-d, 12-c, 13-a, 14-b, 15-c.**

1. Consider the following with their arrival in India

1. Al-Beruni
2. François Bernier
3. Ibn Battuta
4. Marco Polo

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) 1234

(b) 1432

(c) 3421

(d) 3241

2 Which of the following is the qualification to become a ward member of a village Council in Chola Empire?

1. Ownership of land
2. Qualification related to age
3. Knowledge of Vedas

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 3

(b) Only 1 and 3

(c) Only 1 and 2

(d) All the above

3 Which of the following are the causes of the fall of Hindu kingdom during medieval history?

1. The military methods of Hindu kings were out of date and far inferior to those of Muslims invaders
2. The Hindu kings were united but lacked strategy
3. The religious zeal of Muslim invaders played an important factor in the fall of Hindu Kingdoms

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 2 and 3

(b) Only 1 and 3

(c) Only 1

(d) All the above

4 Consider the following statements

1. Muhammad bin Tughlaq introduced the system of dhag and huliya as a part of military reform
2. Alauddin Khalji. created Diwan-i-Khairat to take care of orphans and widows

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 1

(b) Both 1 and 2

(c) Only 2



(d) None of the above

5 Consider the following statement about Sikandar Lodi

1. He was the founder of the Lodi Dynasty
2. He was a bigot and destroyed many Hindu temples
3. He was arrogant and openly humiliated his nobles

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 1 and 3

(b) Only 2

(c) Only 1 and 2

(d) All the above

6 Which of the pair is correctly matched?

Name of Department in Delhi sultanate	Con-temporary departments
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- |   |                 |                     |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Diwani Ariz     | Military department |
| 2 | Diwani Rasalat  | Finance department  |
| 3 | Diwani Wizarat. | Religious affairs   |

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 2

(b) Only 1 and 3

(c) Only 1

(d) Only 2 and 3

7 Consider the following about amara- Nayaka:

1. The amara-Nayaka were military commanders who were given territories to govern by the raya
2. The amara-Nayaka collected taxes and other dues from peasants, craftspersons and traders in the area
3. Its features were similar to the Iqta system of Delhi sultanate

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 1 and 2

(b) Only 2 and 3

(c) Only 1

(d) All the above

8 Which of the following are the features of fortification of Vijayanagara?

1. Vijayanagara had five line of fortification
2. Agricultural tracts were incorporated within the fortified area
3. The massive masonry construction was built with the use of mortar or cementing agent

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 1 and 3



(b) Only 2 and 3

(c) All the above

(d) Only 2

9 Which of the following is not correct about dahsala system?

(a) Revenue was fixed on the average yield of the land assessed on the basis of past 10 years

(b) Payment of revenue was generally made in cash

(c) The land was also divided into four categories Polaj, Milkiyat, Chachar and Banjar.

(d) The system was introduced by Todar Mal

10 Which of the following is correct about Mansabdari system?

1. Mansabdar was responsible for looking after the civil and military affairs of the state

2. All Mansabdar were assigned Jagirs in the different regions of the empire

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) Only 1

(b) Both 1 and 2

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(d) Neither 1 nor 2

12 Which of the following statements are true regarding **Article 35A**?

1. Article 35A was incorporated into the Constitution in 1954 by an amendment of the constitution under article 368
2. The article gives the Jammu and Kashmir legislature the necessary powers to decide who all are permanent residents of the state

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) 1 Only

(b) Both 1 and 2

(c) 2 Only

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

13 Arrange the following National parks in descending order of their tiger densities:

1. Jim Corbett National park
2. Orang national park
3. Bandipur national park
4. Kaziranga National park

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) 1234

(b) 2413

(c) 4321

(d) 3412

14 Which of the following statements are true regarding Article 32?

1. It was called the heart and soul of the constitution by Dr Ambedkar
2. Article 32 can be invoked only to get a remedy related to fundamental rights
3. Supreme Court can issue writs under the article for enforcement of Fundamental rights and any other matter

Choose the correct answer from the following code:

(a) 2 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1,2 and 3



15 Which of the following is the first water body in the country to be declared as a biodiversity heritage site?

- (a) Chilka Lake
- (b) Ashtamudi lake
- (c) Ameenpur lake
- (d) Loktak lake

Answer Key: - 1-b, 2-d, 3-b, 4-d, 5-b, 6-c, 7-d, 8-d, 9-c, 10-a, 11-c, 12-c, 13-b, 14-b and 15-c.

### **History: Prehistory**

The main Characteristic of the Indus Valley Civilization was

- (a) Pucca houses
- (b) Drainage system
- (c) Town Planning
- (d) Well laid out roads

Answer: Drainage system

The main occupation of the people of the Indus Valley civilization was

- (a) Cattle rearing
- (b) Trade
- (c) Hunting
- (d) Agriculture

Answer: Agriculture

Which one of the following archaeologists initially discovered the Mohenjodaro site of the Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) Rakhal Das Banerji
- (b) Sir Martimer Wheeler
- (c) Sir John Marshall
- (d) Daya Ram Sahni

Answer: Rakhal Das Banerji

Which one of the following was not an Indus Valley Civilization site?

- (a) Suktagendor
- (b) Patliputra
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Rangpur

Answer: Patliputra

Which one of the following elements of Hinduism was practised in the Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) Worshipping cows
- (b) Cult of Shiva
- (c) Idol worship
- (d) Wearing of sacred threads

Answer: Cult of Shiva

Which of the following metals was not known to Indus Valley people?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) None of these
- (c) Iron
- (d) Copper

Answer: Iron

Nomad man started settling in

- (a) Paleolithic Age
- (b) None of these
- (c) Mesolithic Age
- (d) Neolithic Age

Answer: Neolithic Age

The Great Bath of the Indus Valley Civilization was discovered in

- (a) Mohenjodaro
- (b) Ropar
- (c) Harappa
- (d) Lothal

Answer: Mohenjodaro

Which of the following is not a characteristic of the religion practised by Harappan people?

- (a) Faith in magic, charms and sacrifices
- (b) Belief in life after death
- (c) Nature worship
- (d) Worship of Mother Goddess

Answer: Nature worship

Which of the following Indus Valley sites is now in Pakistan?

- (a) Alamgirpur
- (b) Harappa
- (c) Kalibangan
- (d) Lothal

Answer: Harappa



The Harappan site showing evidence of two cultural phases, Harappan and pre-Harappan, is

- (a) Kalibangan
- (b) Banawali
- (c) Mohenjodaro
- (d) Chanhudaro

Answer: Kalibangan

The earliest evidence of silver in India is found in the

- (a) Chalcolithic cultures of Western India
- (b) Silver punch - marked coins
- (c) Vedic texts
- (d) Harappan Culture

Answer: Harappan Culture

The period when men used both stones and copper tools is known as the

- (a) Chalcolithic Age
- (b) Neolithic Age
- (c) Metal Age
- (d) Monolithic Age

Answer: Metal Age

The Indus Valley Civilization is known as Aryan Civilization because of the evidence of

- (a) Copper
- (b) Pottery
- (c) Script
- (d) Art

Answer: Script

Man passed from the food gathering stage to food producing stage in the

- (a) Neolithic Age
- (b) Chalcolithic Age
- (c) Paleolithic Age
- (d) Mesolithic Age

Answer: Neolithic Age

The greatest invention of man in Paleolithic was

- (a) Potter's wheel
- (b) Spinning of cloth
- (c) Metal implements
- (d) Fire

Answer: Fire

The script of Indus Valley Civilization was

- (a) Undeciphered
- (b) Dravidian
- (c) Persian
- (d) Sanskrit

Answer: Undeciphered

The Indus Valley people knew the use of

- (a) Gold, tin, bronze but not copper
- (b) Gold, silver, copper, bronze but not iron
- (c) Copper, iron, gold but not bronze
- (d) Silver, lead, iron but not gold

Answer: Gold, silver, copper, bronze but not iron

Knowledge about the existence of which of the following animals is doubtful in the Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) Horses
- (b) Cat
- (c) Dog
- (d) Bull

Answer: Cat

The Indus Valley Civilization belongs to the

- (a) Paleolithic Age
- (b) Mesolithic Age
- (c) Chalcolithic Age
- (d) Neolithic Age

Answer: Neolithic Age

Paleolithic remains have been discovered in

- (a) Calcutta
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Bellary
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: Bellary

The script of the Harappan people consisted of

- (a) A family of quasi - pictographic writings.
- (b) A family of geometrical shapes
- (c) A combination of both picture and geometrical shapes
- (d) None of these

Answer: A family of quasi - pictographic writings.

Which of the following Harappan sites had a dock?

- (a) Harappa
- (b) Alamgirpur
- (c) Mohenjodaro



(d) Lothal

Answer: Lothal

Which of the following statements regarding Indus Valley Civilization is incorrect?

(a) There was a great communal bath in Mohenjodaro.

(b) Excavations at Lothal proved that the civilization was confined to Harappa and Mohenjodaro only.

(c) The supreme god was the Pipal God.

(d) People had great artistic sense.

Answer: Excavations at Lothal proved that the civilization was confined to Harappa and Mohenjodaro only.

At which of the following places have excavations in recent years brought to light new evidence of Neolithic sites in India?

(a) Diamabad in Ahmednagar

(b) Sringaverapur in U.P.

(c) Hulas in Saharanpur

(d) Hamren in Assam

Answer: Hamren in Assam

Which of the following presents the most significant feature of Indus Valley Civilization?

(a) First true arches

(b) Burnt brick buildings

(c) Art and architecture

(d) Buildings of worship

Answer: Burnt brick buildings

The figure of the god that was depicted in the seal of Indus Valley people is

(a) Pashupati

(b) Varuna

- (c) Agni
- (d) Indra

Answer: Pashupati

The remains of a wooden drain of Indus Valley Civilization have been found at

- (a) Lothal
- (b) Kalibangan
- (c) Harappa
- (d) Mohenjodaro

Answer: Mohenjodaro

Of the following Harappan sites those not in India are

- (a) Lothal and Kalibangan
- (b) Lothal and Ropar
- (c) Mohenjodaro and Harappa
- (d) Bhanwali and Ropar

Answer: Mohenjodaro and Harappa

Rice cultivation is associated with Harappan site of

- (a) Harappa
- (b) Ropar
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Kalibangan

Answer: Lothal

Which of the following sites is associated with Harappan culture?

- (a) Lothal
- (b) Chinsura
- (c) Chandernagore
- (d) Vaishali

Answer: Lothal

Which of the following is incorrect concerning Mohenjodaro?

- (a) There was no drainage system.
- (b) Bathrooms were important features of most houses.
- (c) It was a well planned city.
- (d) Buildings were of varying sizes.

Answer: There was no drainage system.

At which Harappan site have traces of a horse been found?

- (a) Sukatagendor
- (b) Surkotda
- (c) Kalibangan
- (d) Lothal

Answer: Surkotda

The Indus Valley people had trade relations with

- (a) Greece
- (b) Ceylon
- (c) Mesopotamia
- (d) Egypt

Answer: Mesopotamia

Indus Valley Civilization was spread over

- (a) Punjab, Sind, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat
- (b) Sind, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, U.P., Rajasthan, Gujarat
- (c) Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan
- (d) Along Indus river

Answer: Sind, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, U.P., Rajasthan and Gujarat

The Indus Valley houses were built of

- (a) Stone
- (b) Bricks
- (c) Bamboos
- (d) Wood



Answer: Bricks

The God with three heads and horns, surrounded by animals, represented on a seal from Mohenjodaro is said to be

- (a) Vishnu
- (b) Pashupati
- (c) Varuna
- (d) Indra

Answer: Pashupati

The Indus Valley Civilization flourished during

- (a) 2500-1750 B.C. (b) 1500-500 B.C.
- (c) 3000-1500 B.C.
- (d) 5000-3500 B.C.

Answer: 3000-1500 B.C.

Which of the following animals were domesticated by the Harappans?

- (a) Buffalo, sheep, dog, pig
- (b) Camel, oxen, buffalo, pig
- (c) Goat, oxen, pig, buffalo
- (d) Oxen, elephant, horse, pig

Answer: Buffalo, sheep, dog, pig

The Indus Valley people worshipped

- (a) Varuna
- (b) Mitra
- (c) Mother Goddess
- (d) Indra

Answer: Mother Goddess

The tools and weapons of Harappan Civilization were mostly made of

- (a) Copper and bronze

- (b) Stone and copper
- (c) Stone
- (d) Copper and iron

Answer: Copper and bronze

The main channels of our knowledge about the Indus Valley Civilization are

- (a) Palm and birch leaf manuscripts
- (b) Archaeological excavations
- (c) Inscriptions
- (d) Coins

Answer: Archaeological excavations

There are similarities between the seals found at Mohenjodaro and

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) China
- (d) Sumerian

Answer: Sumerian

The famous figure of a dancing girl found in the excavations of Harappa was made up of?

- (a) Steatite
- (b) Red limestone
- (c) Bronze
- (d) Terracotta

Answer: Bronze

The Great Granary of the Indus Valley Civilization has been discovered at

- (a) Mohenjodaro
- (b) Lothal

(c) Kalibangan

(d) Harappa

Answer: Harappa

Which of the following statements regarding the Indus Valley Civilization is not true?

(a) The excavations at Harappa are attributed to R.B. Daya Ram Sahni.

(b) The open courtyard was the basic feature of house planning.

(c) The Assembly Hall was discovered at Mohenjodaro

(d) The Indus Valley people were not acquainted with the art of spinning and weaving.

Answer: The Indus Valley people were not acquainted with the art of spinning and weaving.

The Stone Age people had the first domestic

(a) Dogs

(b) Horses

(c) Sheep

(d) Asses

Answer: Sheep

Near the banks of which of the following rivers, the recent excavations have brought to light that Indus Valley Civilization percolated to far south?

(a) Mahanadi

(b) Cauvery

(c) Krishna

(d) Godavari

Answer: Krishna

Archaeological excavations have revealed remains of stadium in

- (a) Tanjore
- (b) Sopara
- (c) Broach
- (d) Lothal

Answer: Lothal

## **History: Religion and Philosophy**

The first discourse of Buddha at Deer Park in Sarnath is called

- (a) Mahabhinishkramana
- (b) Mahamastabhisheka
- (c) Mahaparinirvana
- (d) Dharmachakrapravartan

Answer: Dharmachakrapravartan

Who, according to Jains, was the founder of Jainism?

- (a) Parshavnath
- (b) Arishtanemi
- (c) Rishabha
- (d) Mahavira

Answer: Parshavnath

Which one of the following is a doctrine said to have been added by Mahavira to the four other doctrines propounded by previous teachers?

- (a) Observe brahmacharya
- (b) Do not acquire property
- (c) Do not commit violence
- (d) Do not speak a lie

Answer: Observe brahmacharya

In India, Jainism spread during the reign of



- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

Who delivered his first sermon at Sarnath?

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Buddha
- (c) Mahavira
- (d) Shankaracharya

Answer: Buddha

Right belief, Right knowledge and Right action are the three jewels of

- (a) Buddhists
- (b) Kabir Panthis
- (c) Jains
- (d) Shaivites

Answer: Jains

Buddhism and Jainism both gave stress on

- (a) Worship of God
- (b) None of these
- (c) Self-mortification
- (d) Non-violence

Answer: Non-violence

In which of the following languages were the original Buddhist religious texts written?

- (a) Sanskrit
- (b) Magadhi
- (c) Pali

(d) Brahmi

Answer: Pali

Lord Buddha was born in which place?

(a) Bodh Gaya

(b) Pataliputra

(c) Lumbini

(d) Vaishali

Answer: Lumbini

A well-known patron of the Mahayana form of Buddhism was

(a) Kanishka

(b) Ashoka

(c) Ajatasatru

(d) Bimbisara

Answer: Kanishka

Which of the following statements about Buddha and Mahavira is not correct?

(a) Both advocated a simple, puritan and austere life.

(b) They were Kshatriyas by birth.

(c) Both had the same attitude towards the concept of Varnas.

(d) They were born in the same century.

Answer: Both had the same attitude towards the concept of Varnas.

The representation of Buddha as a human figure appeared for the first time in the sculptures found at

(a) Mathura

(b) Bodh Gaya

(c) Sanchi

(d) Bharhut

Answer: Mathura

With which religion is Kaivalya associated?

- (a) Buddhism
- (b) Sikhism
- (c) Hinduism
- (d) Jainism

Answer: Jainism

The famous ruler of ancient India who, towards the end of his life, is said to have converted to Jainism was

- (a) Samudragupta
- (b) Ashoka
- (c) Bindusara
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

The district line of demarcation between Digambaras and Svetambaras is about

- (a) Existence of god
- (b) Wearing of dress
- (c) Doctrine
- (d) Sacred texts

Answer: Wearing of dress

Gautama Buddha was brought up by

- (a) Sangamitra
- (b) Mahaprajapati
- (c) Mayadevi
- (d) Kundavi

Answer: Mahaprajapati

The first Buddhist Council was held in the reign of

- (a) Bimbisara
- (b) Kanishka
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Ajatashatru

Who was the greatest Buddhist commentator of the Bhuddhist canonical literature?

- (a) Vasumitra
- (b) Nagarjuna
- (c) Ashvaghosha
- (d) Buddhaghosha

Answer: Ashvaghosha

The extreme form of Ahimsa or non-violence is practiced in

- (a) Buddhism
- (b) Saivism
- (c) Hinduism
- (d) Jainism

Answer: Buddhism

The phrase The Light of Asia is applied to

- (a) Buddha
- (b) Mahavira
- (c) Alexander
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Buddha

The Great Buddhist Council in 483 B.C. was held at

- (a) Kashmir
- (b) Rajagriha
- (c) Ujjain



(d) Pataliputra

Answer: Rajagriha

Which of the following Buddhist texts lays down the regulations for management of Sangha and rule of conduct for the monks?

(a) Adhibhamma-pitaka

(b) None of these

(c) Vinaya-Pitaka

(d) Sutta-Pitaka

Answer: Vinaya-Pitaka

Which of the following was not common to Jainism and Buddhism?

(a) Both regarded rigid penance and austerity essential for salvation.

(b) Both were antagonistic to the practice of animal sacrifices.

(c) Both were started by members of Kshatriya caste.

(d) Both denied the authority of the Vedas.

Answer: Both regarded rigid penance and austerity essential for salvation. Ambapali

Whose name occurs in the early Buddhist literature was

(a) The author of the work Buddhacharita

(b) A nun from Vaishali

(c) A courtesan of Pataliputra

(d) None of these

Answer: None of these

Jainism had the patronage of

(a) Pushyamitra Sunga

(b) Samudragupta

- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Kharavela

Answer: Kharavela

Apabhramsa is a work of the

- (a) Jains
- (b) Ajivikas
- (c) Buddhists
- (d) Brahmins

Answer: Jains

Gave women an important place in their cult

- (a) Kalamukhas
- (b) Ajivikas
- (c) Jains
- (d) Buddhists

Answer: Kalamukhas

Ashoka was much influenced by a Buddhist monk called

- (a) Ambhi
- (b) Upagupta
- (c) Vasubandhu
- (d) Asvaghosha

Answer: Upagupta

Jainism was divided into two sects known as

- (a) Ajivikas and Nyaya Vaisheshika
- (b) Svetambara and Digambara
- (c) Kapalikas and Kalamukhas
- (d) Mahayana and Hinayana

Answer: Svetambara and Digambara

Which one of the following is the most fundamental difference between Mahayana Buddhism and Hinayana Buddhism?

- (a) Casteless Society
- (b) Worship of Stupa
- (c) Worship of gods and goddesses
- (d) Emphasis on ahimsa

Answer: Worship of gods and goddesses

Buddha was born in the year?

- (a) 576 B.C.
- (b) 534 B.C.
- (c) 567 B.C.
- (d) 581 B.C.

Answer: 567 B.C.

Which of the following beliefs doesn't belong to Mahavira's Triratna?

- (a) Right conduct
- (b) Right recollection
- (c) Right Faith
- (d) Right knowledge

Answer: Right recollection

Which of the following religions got spread in different parts of Asia?

- (a) Buddhism
- (b) Jainism
- (c) Hinduism
- (d) None of these

Answer: Buddhism

Atman is everything and everything is Atman is the doctrine of?

- (a) Buddhist
- (b) Zoroastrian
- (c) Jain
- (d) Pantheistic

Answer: Pantheistic

Which of the following is known as the Jain Temple City?

- (a) Girnar
- (b) Allahabad
- (c) Rajagriha
- (d) Varanasi

Answer: Girnar

The Fourth Buddhist Council was held at

- (a) Rajagriha
- (b) Kundalavana
- (c) Vaishali
- (d) Patliputra

Answer: Kundalavana

Which of the following features is not associated with Buddhism and Jainism?

- (a) Emphasis on rituals and sacrifices
- (b) Rejection of the authority of Vedas
- (c) Rejection of the caste system
- (d) Atheism

Answer: Rejection of the authority of Vedas

The introduction of Buddhism into China is traditionally attributed to

- (a) Nagarjuna
- (b) None of these
- (c) Samprati



(d) Kashyapa Mantanga

Answer: Kashyapa Mantanga

Tripitakas are the sacred books of

(a) Shaivism

(b) Buddhism

(c) Jainism

(d) Hinduism

Answer: Buddhism

The last of the 24 Jain Trithankaras was

(a) Parsva Nath

(b) Arishtanemi

(c) Rishabha

(d) Mahavira

Answer: Mahavira

The First Buddhist Council met at

(a) Rajagriha

(b) Kanauj

(c) Kashmir

(d) Pataliputra

Answer: Rajagriha

Both Vardhaman Mahavira and Gautama Buddha preached their doctrines during the reign of

(a) Ajatashatru

(b) Harshavardhana

(c) Udayi

(d) Bimbisara

Answer: Bimbisara

The Fourth Buddhist Council was held by

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Harashvardhana
- (c) Chandragupta
- (d) Kanishka

Answer: Kanishka

Nirvana is associated with

- (a) Jainism
- (b) Sikhism
- (c) Buddhism
- (d) Hinduism

Answer: Buddhism

Who amongst the following was not sent to Sri Lanka for the propagation of Buddhism?

- (a) Bhadrasara
- (b) Sona
- (c) Rashtriya
- (d) Uttiya

Answer: Sona

The famous Indo Greek king who embraced Buddhism was

- (a) Menander
- (b) Alexander
- (c) Strato I
- (d) Democritus

Answer: Menander

Buddhism became a worldwide religion with the efforts of

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Harsha

- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Bindusara

Answer: Ashoka

Buddha attained Nirvana at?

- (a) Sarnath
- (b) Kushinagar
- (c) Bodh Gaya
- (d) Sanchi

Answer: Kushinagar

Which of the following rulers did not embrace Buddhism?

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Samudragupta
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Harsha

Answer: Samudragupta

Which of the following is not a feature of Hinduism?

- (a) Belief in God
- (b) Emphasis on ritualism
- (c) Doctrine of ahimsa
- (d) Reverence for Veda

Answer: Doctrine of ahimsa

Mahavira was born at

- (a) Sravasti
- (b) Rajagriha
- (c) Vaisali
- (d) Pataliputra

Answer: Vaisali

Buddha's preaching's were mainly in regard to

- (a) Idol worship
- (b) Practice of rituals
- (c) Belief in one God
- (d) Purity of thought and conduct

Answer: Purity of thought and conduct

Who among the following rulers held a religious assembly at Prayag every five years?

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Harshavardhana

Answer: Harshavardhana

During the time of Harshavardhana, a great Buddhist assembly was held at

- (a) Nalanda
- (b) Purushapura
- (c) Pataliputra
- (d) Prayag

Answer: Nalanda

The crux of early Buddhism was

- (a) Rigorous penance
- (b) Idol worship
- (c) Belief in fatalism
- (d) Renunciation of desire

Answer: Renunciation of desire

The spread of Jainism in Karnataka is attributed to

- (a) Ashoka



- (b) Narasimhavarma Pallava
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

The gifts bestowed upon the Ajivikas by Ashoka are recorded in the inscription at

- (a) Sanchi
- (b) Sarnath
- (c) Barabara
- (d) Bhabru

Answer: Barabara

Buddha has been described as an ocean of wisdom and compassion in

- (a) The Light of Asia
- (b) Amarakosha
- (c) Jataka tales
- (d) Buddhacharita

Answer: Amarakosa

Mark the correct sequence of places with regard to Buddha.

- (a) Kapilavastu, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar
- (b) Kapilavastu, Sarnath, Bodh Gaya, Kushinagar
- (c) Sarnath, Kushinagar, Bodh Gaya, Kapilavastu
- (d) Bodh Gaya, Kapilavastu, Sarnath, Kushinagar

Answer: Kapilavastu, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar

Which one of the following places was famous as a seat of Mahayana learning?

- (a) Taxila
- (b) Sarnath
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Nalanda

Answer: Nalanda

Who was the first king to have the image of Lord Bud-dha inscribed on his coins ?

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Harshavardhana
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Dharmapala

Answer: Kanishka

Idol worship in India can be traced to the period of?

- (a) Kushans
- (b) Pre-Aryan
- (c) Vedas
- (d) Mauryans

Answer: Pre-Aryan

Which of the following statements regarding Bud-dha and Mahavira is wrong?

- (a) Both were born in the same century.
- (b) Both believed in simple and neat living.
- (c) Both were Kshatriyas.
- (d) Both had same views about varnas.

Answer: Both had same views about varnas.

During the period of Sangas there was a revival of

- (a) Zoroastrainism
- (b) Brahminism
- (c) Buddhism

(d) Jainism

Answer: Brahminism

Which of the following is said to be the oldest Jain scripture?

(a) Twelve Upangas

(b) Fourteen Uparvas

(c) Fourteen Purvas

(d) Twelve Angas

Answer: Twelve Angas

In his teaching, the Buddha attacked

(a) Vedic rituals

(b) The concept of God

(c) The Varna system

(d) Ascetism

Answer: The Varna system

Buddhist historian Taranath belonged to

(a) Tibet

(b) Japan

(c) China

(d) Mongolia

Answer: Tibet

Relics of Buddha are preserved in a

(a) Vihara

(b) Monastery

(c) Chaitya

(d) Stupa

Answer: Stupa

Buddhism became the state religion during the reign of

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Kumaragupta-I
- (c) Chandragupta Maurya
- (d) Samudragupta

Answer: Ashoka

The proceeding of the Fourth Buddhist Councilled to the issue of which edict?

- (a) Kalinga
- (b) Bhabra
- (c) Sarnath
- (d) Sanchi

Answer: Sarnath

Buddha died during the reign of

- (a) Udayi
- (b) None of these
- (c) Bimbisara
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Ajatashatru

Which of the following is not true of the Digambaras?

- (a) They led a life of extreme ausrerity
- (b) They wore white clothes
- (c) They were orthodox followers of Mahavira.
- (d) They kept long fasts.

Answer: They wore white clothes

The original teachings of Mahavira are contained in which of the following texts?

- (a) Purvas
- (b) Jatakas
- (c) Angas
- (d) Tripitakas

Answer: Purvas

Who among the following is referred to as Sandhu from the West?

- (a) St. Thomas
- (b) St. Bartholomew
- (c) Thomas of Canaan
- (d) None of these

Answer: St. Thomas

Which of the following was not include in the Eight Fold Path prescribed by Buddha ?

- (a) Right knowledge
- (b) Right meditation
- (c) Right Belief
- (d) Right Speech

Answer: Right knowledge

The meaning of Buddha is

- (a) Soul after death
- (b) The ultimate Path for moksha
- (c) The Enlightened one
- (d) Anything beyond God

Answer: The Enlightened one



The Fourth Buddhist Council compiled an encyclopedia of Buddhist philosophy called

- (a) Mahavibhasha Sutra
- (b) Sutralankara
- (c) Madhyamika Sutra
- (d) None of these

Answer: Mahavibhasha Sutra

Which of the following is the correct chronological order of Buddhist Councils?

- (a) Vaishali, Kashmir, Rajagriha, Pataliputra
- (b) Pataliputra, Vaishali, Kashmir, Rajagriha
- (c) Kashmir, Vaishali, Pataliputra, Rajagriha
- (d) Rajagriha, Vaishali, Pataliputra, Kashmir

Answer: Rajagriha, Vaishali, Pataliputra, Kashmir

Who among the following is said to have been born and to have passed away on the Vaishakha Purnima day?

- (a) Chaitanya
- (b) Buddha
- (c) Mahavira
- (d) Shankaracharya

Answer: Buddha

Ashoka convened the Third Buddhist Council at

- (a) Kushinagar
- (b) Pataliputra
- (c) Kapilavastu
- (d) Rajagriha

Answer: Pataliputra

Which period is referred to as the period of Hindu revival or renaissance?

- (a) Gupta period
- (b) Period of Harsha
- (c) Mauryan period
- (d) Kushan period

Answer: Gupta period

In which of the following fields of activity did Buddhism make the maximum contribution?

- (a) Architecture
- (b) Rituals
- (c) Art and literature
- (d) Music

Answer: Art and literature

In Buddhist teaching, nirvana meant

- (a) Extinction of craving of the desire for existence in all its forms
- (b) Freedom from cycle of birth and death
- (c) Observance of brahmacharya
- (d) None of these

Answer: Extinction of craving of the desire for existence in all its forms

The introduction of Buddhism into China is traditionally attributed to

- (a) Nagarjuna
- (b) Samprati
- (c) Kashyapa Matanga
- (d) None of these

Answer; Kashyapa Matanga

In which of the following countries was Buddhism first propagated outside India?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) China
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) Thailand

Answer: Sri Lanka

In which of the following edicts/inscriptions does Ashoka express his faith in the Buddhist creed?

- (a) Schism Edict
- (b) Kandahar Inscription
- (c) Rummindei Inscription
- (d) Bhabru Edict

Answer: Bhabru Edict

Who converted Kanishka to Buddhism?

- (a) Nagarjuna
- (b) Parsva
- (c) Asvaghosha
- (d) Vasumitra

Answer: Asvaghosha

The first Council of Jainism to compile the canon was held at

- (a) Rajagriha
- (b) Pataliputra
- (c) Valabhi
- (d) Mithila

Answer: Pataliputra

The Jains did not repudiate

- (a) Infallibility of the Vedas
- (b) Animal sacrifice
- (c) Practice of penance
- (d) Concept of supreme power as the creator and sustainer of universe

Answer: Concept of supreme power as the creator and sustainer of universe

Who among the following accepted Jainism?

- (a) Bindusara
- (b) Pulakesin
- (c) Ajatashatru
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

Buddhism split up into the Hinayana and Mahayana sects at the Buddhist Council held during the reign of

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Chandragupta Maurya
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Harsha

Answer: Ashoka

The cardinal point of Buddhism was

- (a) Doctrine of ahimsa
- (b) Eight fold Path
- (c) Theory of Karma
- (d) Attainment of nirvana

Answer: Doctrine of ahimsa

## **History: Religious Movement**

Which of the following was a saint of the Bhakti movement in Bengal?

- (a) Tulsidas
- (b) Vivekananda
- (c) Chaitanya
- (d) Kabir

Answer: Chaitanya

Shankaracharya, during Vikramaditya's period, was a very famous personality. Which of the following statements is not true of Shankaracharya?

- (a) He countered the spread of Buddhism and Jainism
- (b) He established four religious centres in different parts of India.
- (c) He defined Vedanta.
- (d) He propounded Vishistadvaita?

Answer: He countered the spread of Buddhism and Jainism

Who among the following was not an exponent of Bhakti movement?

- (a) Nanak
- (b) Shankaracharya
- (c) Ramanada
- (d) Kabir

Answer: Shankaracharya

Sri Perumbudur, a temple town in south, is the birth-place of

- (a) Adi Shankaracharya
- (b) Madhavacharya
- (c) Vidyaranya
- (d) Ramanuja



Answer: Ramanuja

The pioneer in preaching Nirguna Bhakti in medieval India was

- (a) Vallabhacharya
- (b) Sri Chaitanya
- (c) Ramananda
- (d) Namadeva

Answer: Ramananda

Who amongst the following Acharyas is regarded as having combated the absolute monoism of Sankara in the 12th century?

- (a) Udyotaka
- (b) None of these
- (c) Ramanuja
- (d) Hemachandra

Answer: Ramanuja

Who amongst the following was an exponent of Virashaiva?

- (a) None of these
- (b) Basavaraja
- (c) Shankaracharya
- (d) Ramanuja

Answer: Basavaraja

Which of the following does not belong to Nirgun cult?

- (a) Kabir
- (b) Ravidas
- (c) Nanak
- (d) Meera

Answer: Meera

The saint from Gujarat, who preached non-sectarianism in medieval times, was

- (a) Ramanand
- (b) Dadu
- (c) Raghunandan
- (d) Tukaram

Answer: Dadu

The Bhakti literature by the Nayanars and Alvars

- (a) Opposed the practice of image worship.
- (b) Advocate the austerities preached by the Buddhist and Jains
- (c) Preached personal devotion of God as a means of salvation.
- (d) Stressed the rigidities of traditional rituals.

Answer: Preached personal devotion of God as a means of salvation.

The philosophy of Vishishtadvaita was preached by?

- (a) Ramanuja
- (b) Shankaracharya
- (c) Kapila
- (d) Madhwa

Answer: Ramanuja

Who amongst the following was a blind poet who worshipped Krishna and spread Krishna Bhakti cult?

- (a) Kabir
- (b) Raskhan
- (c) Bihari
- (d) Surdas

Answer: Ramanuja

The earliest seeds of the Bhakti movement in India are found in

- (a) Jain philosophy
- (b) Sufi philosophy
- (c) The Vedas
- (d) Buddhist philosophy

Answer: Sufi philosophy

Who established 4 math in the four corners of India?

- (a) Ramanujacharya
- (b) Madhvacharya
- (c) Shankaracharya
- (d) Bhaskacharya

Answer: Shankaracharya

Banis were the hymns and poems composed by

- (a) Guru Nanak
- (b) Dadu
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Raskhan

Answer: Dadu

Sufi sect developed in the religion

- (a) Hinduism
- (b) Jainism
- (c) Sikhism
- (d) Islam

Answer: Islam

Ramanuja preached

- (a) Dvaita

- (b) Gnana marga
- (c) Ahimsa
- (d) Bhakti

Answer: Bhakti

Who among the following was the founder of Vaishnava school?

- (a) Shankaracharya
- (b) Ramanuja
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Ramakrishna Paramhansa

Answer: Bhakti

What was the term used by the Sufis for the successor nominated by the teacher of a particular order or Silsilah?

- (a) Wali
- (b) Murid
- (c) Khanqah
- (d) Pir

Answer: Wali

In which region of India was the Suhrawadi order of Sufism popular?

- (a) Around Ajmer
- (b) Punjab and Sind
- (c) Delhi and Bihar
- (d) Delhi and Doab region

Answer: Punjab and Sind

In which region of India was the Firdausi order of Sufism popular?

- (a) Bihar and eastern U.P.

- (b) Deccan
- (c) Sind
- (d) In and around Delhi

Answer: Bihar and eastern U.P.

The most famous and the earliest biographer of Chaitanya, who wrote Chaitanya Charitamrita, was

- (a) Madhavacharya
- (b) Krishnadas Kaviraj
- (c) Sunderdas
- (d) Kritivasa

Answer: Kritivasa

The sage who is said to have Aryanised South India was

- (a) Vasishtha
- (b) Yagyavalkya
- (c) Vishwamitra
- (d) Agastya

Answer: Agastya

Kabir was the disciple of

- (a) Ramananda
- (b) Vallabhacharya
- (c) Chaitanya
- (d) Shankaracharya

Answer: Ramananda

The System of philosophy with which the name of Kapila is prominently associated is

- (a) Samkhya
- (b) Purva Mimamsa
- (c) Uttara Mimamsa



(d) Nyaya

Answer: Samkhya

To which Sufi did the famous saint of Bihar, Makhdum Sharfuddin Maneri belong?

(a) Kubrawi

(b) Suharwadi

(c) Firdausi

(d) Chisti

Answer: Firdausi

Live well, as long as you live. Live well even by borrowing, for once cremated, there is no return This rejection of after - life is an aphorism of the

(a) Sunyavada of Nagarjuna

(b) Charvakas

(c) Ajivikas

(d) Kapalikas Sect

Answer: Sunyavada of Nagarjuna

In the systems of philosophy created by Indians, we find elements of materialistic philosophy in which of the following systems?

(a) Yoga

(b) Vaishesika

(c) Samkhya

(d) Karm Mimamsa

Answer: Samkhya

Sudhavaitha is the philosophy of

(a) Ramanuja

(b) Chaitanya

(c) Vallabha

(d) Kabir

Answer: Vallabha

Of the following, who visited the court of Krishnadeva Raya?

(a) Ramananda

(b) Ramanuja

(c) Kabir

(d) Vallabha

Answer: Vallabha

Let no man ask a man's sect or caste whose dictum was this?

(a) Ramanuja

(b) Chaitanya

(c) Ramananda

(d) Kabir

Answer: Ramananda

During his pilgrimage, Chaitanya received enlightenment at

(a) Rameswaram

(b) Allahabad

(c) Gaya

(d) Kanchipuram

Answer: Gaya

Devotion to Lord Krishna was preached by

(a) Madhva

(b) Ramananda

(c) Vallabha

(d) Kabir

Answer: Vallabha

The Bhakti Movement was first organised by

- (a) Ramanuja
- (b) Nanak
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Ramananda

Answer: Ramanuja

The author of Sri Bhashya is

- (a) Vallabha
- (b) Ramanuja
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Sankara

Answer: Ramanuja

In him within whose heart is truth doth God Himself abide, said

- (a) Kabir
- (b) Vallabha
- (c) Chaitanya
- (d) Madhya

Answer: Kabir

Swami Vivekananda was well known in the religious Conference held at

- (a) London
- (b) Berlin
- (c) Chicago
- (d) Paris

Answer: Chicago

Who were the most popular Sufis?

- (a) Hallaj

- (b) Ghazali
- (c) Rabin
- (d) None of these

Answer: Rabin

The birthplace of Swami Vivekananda is in which of the following cities?

- (a) Balasore
- (b) Kushinagar
- (c) Calcutta
- (d) Cuttack

Answer: Calcutta

Which of the following Bhakti saints used the medium of dance and songs (Kirtans) to make one feel the personal presence of God near him?

- (a) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
- (b) Jnanadeva
- (c) Shankaradeva
- (d) Chandidasa

Answer; Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

Who said, Ram and Rahim are the two different name of the Same God?

- (a) Ramdas
- (b) Ramanuja
- (c) Chaitanya
- (d) Kabir

Answer: Kabir

Ajivikas sect was founded by

- (a) Upali

- (b) Anand
- (c) Makkhli Gosala
- (d) Raghulabhadra

Answer: Makkhli Gosala

## **The Mughals and the Sikhs**

Who united all the Sikhs and founded a kingdom in the Punjab?

- (a) Guru Teg Bahadur
- (b) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- (c) Guru Nanak
- (d) Guru Gobind Singh

Answer: Maharaja Ranjit Singh

The Mansabdari system introduced by Akbar was borrowed from the system in

- (a) Mongolia
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Persia

Answer: Mongolia

Who among the following was the first Mughal Emperor to allow Britishers to establish trade links with India?

- (a) Akbar
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Shahjehan
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Jehangir



Which of the following is wrongly matched with his contemporary Mughal King?

- (a) Jujhar Singh-Shahjahan
- (b) Jaswant Singh-Aurangzeb
- (c) Prithvi Raj Chauhan-Akbar
- (d) Rana Sanga-Babar

Answer: Prithvi Raj Chauhan-Akbar

The capital of the Mughal Empire was shifted from Agra to Delhi by

- (a) Jehangir
- (b) Humayun
- (c) Aurangzeb
- (d) Shahjahan

Answer: Shahjahan

The Peacock Throne was made for

- (a) Aurangzeb
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Shahjehan
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Shahjehan

In 1662 A.D., Mirjumla, the Mughal Viceroy of Bengal led a succesful expedition to

- (a) Orissa
- (b) Avadh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Tibet

Answer: Assam

During the Mughal period, the incharge of law and order in the villages was

- (a) Qanungo
- (b) Muqaddam
- (c) Patwari
- (d) Karkun

Answer: Muqaddam

The dee-aspah sih-aspah system was introduced by

- (a) Shahjehan
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Akbar

Which of the following Rajput dynasties did not surrender to Akbar ?

- (a) Sisodiya
- (b) Pratihara
- (c) Parmar
- (d) Rathore

Answer: Pratihara

The East India Company was founded in India during the reign of

- (a) Jehangir
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Shahjehan
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

The capital of the kingdom of Maharaja Ranjit Singh was

- (a) Amritsar
- (b) Kapurthala
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Patiala

Answer; Lahore

The Sikh Guru who fought Mughals was

- (a) Guru Arjun Dev
- (b) Guru Teg Bahadur
- (c) Guru Gobind Singh
- (d) Guru Nanak

Answer: Guru Gobind Singh

The Mughal Empire in India was founded by

- (a) Aurangzeb
- (b) Zahir-ud-din Babar
- (c) Akbar the Great
- (d) Shahjehan

Answer: Zahir-ud-din Babar

When Akbar was young, his guardian was

- (a) Bairam Khan
- (b) Abul Fazal
- (c) Hemu
- (d) Faizi

Answer: Bairam Khan

During the decline of Mughal Empire the Jats were organised into a political force by (a) Badan Singh

- (b) Rajaram
- (c) Suraj Mal

(d) Churaman

Answer; Badan Singh

The two great Mughal rulers who wrote their own memories are

(a) Babar and Humayun

(b) Jehangir and Shahjehan

(c) Humayun and Akbar

(d) Babar and Jahengir

Answer: Babar and Jahengir

Who initiated Din-I-Ilahi?

(a) Akbar

(b) Jahangir

(c) Shahjehan

(d) Aurangzeb

Answer: Akbar

During Sher Shah's reign, the document containing the information of the tax that the farmer had to pay was called

(a) Jaribana

(b) Patta

(c) Muhaslana

(d) Quabuliat

Answer: Patta

Revenue system during Akbar's reign was in the hands of

(a) Todar Mal

(b) Birbal

(c) Bairam Khan

(d) Man Singh

Answer: Todar Mal

Akbar assumed actual control over the administration of his empire in

- (a) 1560
- (b) 1556
- (c) 1562
- (d) 1558

Answer: 1556

Babar laid the foundation of Mughal empire in 1526 by defeating

- (a) Daulat Khan Lodi
- (b) Ala-ud-din Khilji
- (c) Rana Sanga
- (d) Ibrahim Lodi

Answer: Ibrahim Lodi

During the reign of which of the following emperors was the artillery most perfect and numerous?

- (a) Shahjehan
- (b) Jahangir
- (c) Aurangzeb
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Aurangzeb

Who consolidated the Mughal empire and gave it a unique multi-religious culture?

- (a) Aurangzeb
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Akbar

The Sikh Guru who was killed by the orders of Aurangzeb was

- (a) Guru Ram Das



- (b) Guru Gobind Singh
- (c) Guru Arjun Dev
- (d) Guru Teg Bahadur

Answer: Guru Teg Bahadur

Who among the following Mughals rulers introduced Rajput's patrons in the administration of his empire?

- (a) Babar
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Jehangir
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

Akbar founded the Din-I-Ilahi primarily to

- (a) Establish a national religion which would be acceptable to the Muslims and the Hindus
- (b) Form a religious club
- (c) Put an end to differences between the Hindus and the Muslims
- (d) Ensure racial and communal harmony

Answer: Establish a national religion which would be acceptable to the Muslims and the Hindus

The Sikh Khalsa was founded by?

- (a) Guru Teg Bahadur
- (b) Guru Hargobind
- (c) Guru Nanak
- (d) Guru Gobind Singh

Answer: Guru Gobind Singh

During the Mughal Period, under the Zabti system, land revenue was assessed and was required to be paid

- (a) In cash or kind

- (b) By the zamindar on the behalf of the peasants
- (c) Only in cash
- (d) Only in kind

Answer: In cash or kind

The British allowed Ranjit Singh to rule over the territories west of the Satluj because (a) He proved to be a faithful ally

- (b) They needed his help in conquering Afghanistan
- (c) He was amenable to British pressure
- (d) They were afraid of his French trend army

Answer: They were afraid of his French trend army

Who was the last Mughal Emperor to sit on the peacock throne?

- (a) Muhammad Shah
- (b) Shah Alam II
- (c) Bahadur Shah Zafar
- (d) Aurangzeb

Answer: Muhammad Shah

Akbar's land revenue system was known as

- (a) Kasati System
- (b) Zabti System
- (c) Bandobast system
- (d) Todarmal's revenue system

Answer; Zabti System

Who among the following Mughal rulers was ignorant of the art of reading and writing?

- (a) Humayun
- (b) Jehangir
- (c) Akbar

(d) Barber

Answer: Akbar

Which of the following statements about Akbar is incorrect?

(a) None of these

(b) He maintained good relations with Rajputs

(c) He was a benevolent ruler

(d) He founded a new religion Din-I-Ilahi

Answer: None of these

The birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh is

(a) Patna

(b) Fatehgarh Sahib

(c) Amritsar

(d) Anandpur Sahib

Answer: Patna

The Mughal ruler Bahadur Shah II was exiled by British and sent to

(a) Hyderabad

(b) Rangoon

(c) Mandalay

(d) Andaman and Nicobar

Answer: Rangoon

Din-I-Ilahi was accepted by

(a) Raja Mansingh

(b) Todarmal

(c) Birbal

(d) Tansen

Answer: Birbal

The first Mughal Emperor to issue a firman in favour of the British to open a factory at Surat was

(a) Shahjehan

(b) Akbar

(c) Jehangir

(d) Aurangzeb

Answer: Jehangir

Barbar won the Battle of Panipat mainly because of

(a) Tulughma system

(b) Afghan's disunity

(c) His Military skill

(d) His cavalry

Answer: His Military skill

The Jaziya was abolished by

(a) Akbar

(b) Sher Shah

(c) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

(d) Barbar

Answer: Akbar

The bitterest war of succession under the great Mughals was fought among the sons of?

(a) Babur

(b) Aurangzeb

(c) Jehangir

(d) Shahjehan

Answer: Shahjehan

Which of the following contemporary sources of the Mughal period is especially useful for obtaining the information on the agrarian condition?

- (a) Ain-i-Akbari
- (b) Tuzuk-i-Baburi
- (c) Akbarnamah
- (d) Tarikh-i-Firishta

Answer: Ain-i-Akbari

He left behind him an enemy still unsubdued, a minor son and a mercenary army. This description given by Kennedy fits

- (a) Sher shah
- (b) Jehangir
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Barbar

Answer: Humayun

Which Mughal ruler had the Chain of Justice fastened up which could be shaken by his subjects to bring their grievances to his notice?

- (a) Jehangir
- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Jehangir

Sher Shah is credited for introducing for the first time the following measure except (a) Currency system

- (b) Kland revenue system based on scientific principles.
- (c) Postal system
- (d) Spy system

Answer: Currency system



Which of the following statements about Ranjit Singh is incorrect ?

- (a) He organised an excellent fighting army
- (b) He posed a great challenge and resistance to the British
- (c) He was a succesful administrator
- (d) He wanted to form a separate Sikh state

Answer: He posed a great challenge and resistance to the British

Sikh Guru Arjun Dev was killed during the reign of?

- (a) Humayun
- (b) Shah Jahan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Jehangir

The Mughal Emperor, who died due to a sudden fall from the staircase, was (a) Humayun

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Babar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Humayun

Which Mughal ruler was the most secular in outlook?

- (a) Babar
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

Which Mughal emperor gave land for the construction of the Golden Temple at Amritsar?

- (a) Aurangzeb
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Jehangir
- (d) Shahjehan

Answer: Akbar

Who among the following was regarded as Zinda Pir?

- (a) Akbar
- (b) Jehangir
- (c) Aurangzeb
- (d) Babar

Answer: Aurangzeb

Before the rise of Ranjit Singh, Punjab was under the control of

- (a) Sikh Misl
- (b) Maratha Commanders
- (c) Raider Groups
- (d) Tribal Chief

Answer: Maratha Commanders

During Aurangzeb's reign, which of the following were not included in the Government?

- (a) Marathas
- (b) All of the above
- (c) Rajputs
- (d) Pathans

Answer: Marathas

Din-e-Ilahi of Akbar was not a success because

- (a) All the Above
- (b) Through it was a collection of good principles in different religions; it was not suitably projected to the masses
- (c) After Akbar, it was not patronised

(d) The Muslim did not accept other religious practise

Answer: Through it was a collection of good principles in different religions; it was not suitably projected to the masses

Chand Bibi who ceded Berar to Akbar was the ruler of

- (a) Ahmednagar
- (b) Bijapur
- (c) Golconda
- (d) Bahmani

Answer: Ahmednagar

Which of the following pairs was incorrect?

- (a) Bairam Khan - Akbar
- (b) Amir Khusrau - Jahangir
- (c) Jaswant Singh - Aurangzeb
- (d) Amber Malik - Humayun

Answer: Amber Malik - Humayun

Which Sikh Guru laid the foundation of the city of Amritsar?

- (a) Guru Nanak
- (b) Guru Gobind Singh
- (c) Guru Arjun Dev
- (d) Guru Ramdas

Answer: Guru Ramdas

Which of the following statements about Din-I-Ilahi is not correct?

- (a) It was a synthesis of all various religions known to Akbar
- (b) None of these
- (c) It was designed to cement the diverse communities in India
- (d) It was patronised by other Mongol rulers

Answer: It was patronised by other Mongol rulers  
Mansabdari was introduced in India by

- (a) Humayun
- (b) Babar
- (c) Shahjehan
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

In 1809, Maharaja Ranjit Singh signed a treaty with

- (a) Shah Alam
- (b) Ruler of Sindh
- (c) King of Kashmir
- (d) East India Company

Answer: East India Company

Babar won the Battle of Panipat mainly because of

- (a) Afghan's disunity
- (b) His Military skill
- (c) His cavalry
- (d) Tulughma system

Answer: His Military skill

Which of the following causes was not responsible for the downfall of Mughal Empire?

- (a) Religious policy of Aurangzeb
- (b) Revolts in various provinces of the empire
- (c) Mansabdari system
- (d) Deccan policy of Aurangzeb

Answer:-Mansabdari system

Who installed the Chain of Justice?

- (a) Jehangir
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Babar
- (d) Humayun

Answer: Jehangir

In the Mughal administration, military recruitment was being looked after by

- (a) Bakshi
- (b) Wazir
- (c) Kotwal
- (d) Diwan

Answer: Bakshi

Where did Babar die?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Agra
- (c) Kabul
- (d) Lahore

Answer: Agra

Babar entered India for the first time from the west through

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Kashmir
- (d) Sind

Answer: Punjab

The bone of contention between the Shah of Persia and the Mughals was the control of

- (a) Kabul
- (b) Kunduz
- (c) Ghazni
- (d) Kandahar

Answer: Kandahar

Maharaja Ranjit Singh signed a treaty of perpetual friendship with the British in the year 1809 at

- (a) Ferozpur
- (b) Ludhiana
- (c) Faridkot



(d) Amritsar

Answer-Amritsar

Akbar has been called the First national King, mainly because of

(a) Was highly tolerant and secular in his outlook

(b) Provided an efficient government to the people

(c) Was a great administrator

(d) Established a new religion Din-i-Ilahi.

Answer: Was highly tolerant and secular in his outlook  
Sher Shah made revenue settlement with

(a) Zamindars

(b) Jagirdars

(c) Cultivators

(d) Mansabdar

Answer: Cultivators

Sher Shah's real name was

(a) Bahadur

(b) Farid

(c) Hemu

(d) Faizi

Answer: Farid

The designation Amil in Akbar's time meant

(a) Sacred Law

(b) Sacred book

(c) Revenue officers

(d) Custom officers

Answer; Revenue officers

The king generally considered to be the greatest ruler of Kashmir in the 15th century was

(a) Shah Mirza

(b) Zain-ul-Abidin

- (c) Yusuf Shah
- (d) Haider Shah

Answer: Zain-ul-Abidin

The entire following Rajput ruler acknowledged the Mughal sway in the second half of 16th century, except the ruler of

- (a) Bikaner
- (b) Jaisalmer
- (c) Amber
- (d) Mewar

Answer: Mewar

The Misl of which Ranjit Singh was the leader, was

- (a) Ramgarhia
- (b) Sukerchakia
- (c) Ahluwalia
- (d) Phulkia

Answer:-Sukerchakia

Aurangzeb attack Bijapur and Golconda because

- (a) Aurangzeb was an orthodox Sunni and the ruler of Bijapur and Golconda were Shia Muslim
- (b) Ruler of Bijapur and Golconda were weak and as such if offered easy takeover
- (c) Bijapur and Golconda were supporting Marathas
- (d) Of Aurangzeb's policy of expansion and to consolidate his supremacy

Answer: Of Aurangzeb's policy of expansion and to consolidate his supremacy

In the Mughal administration, military recruitment was being looked after by

- (a) Kotwal
- (b) Diwan
- (c) Bakshi

(d) Wazir

Answer: Bakshi

Which of the following Rajput dynasties did not surrender to Akbar?

(a) Parmar

(b) Sisodiya

(c) Rathore

(d) Pratihara

Answer: Pratihara

Which of the following pairs is incorrect?

(a) Amir Khusrau - Jahangir

(b) Amber Malik - Humayun

(c) Jaswant Singh - Aurangzeb

(d) Bairam Khan - Akbar

Answer: Bairam Khan - Akbar

Who among the following Hindu courtiers of Akbar accepted Din-i-Ilahi?

(a) Todar Mal

(b) Raja Man Singh

(c) Birbal

(d) Bhagwan Das

Answer: Birbal

History: Vedic Age

The institution of Varna appeared in the

(a) Later Vedic period

(b) Period of the consolidation of the text of the Mahabharat.

(c) Period of the Manava Dharma Shashtra

(d) Rig Vedic period

Answer: Rig Vedic period

Which is the oldest Veda?

- (a) Rig Veda
- (b) Atharva Veda
- (c) Sama Veda
- (d) Yajur Veda

Answer: Rig Veda

Which of the following Vedas is a collection of spells and incantations?

- (a) Sama Veda
- (b) Yajur Veda
- (c) Atharva Veda
- (d) Rig Veda

Answer: Atharva Veda

Which among the following was the chief feature of Rig Vedic religion?

- (a) Performance of sacrifices
- (b) Predominance of female goddesses
- (c) Belief in existence of life after death
- (d) Worship of images

Answer: Worship of images

800 B.C.-600 B.C. is designated as the

- (a) Period of Mahabharata
- (b) Period of Brahmanas
- (c) Period of the Sutras
- (d) Period of Ramayana

Answer: Period of Brahmanas

Which one of the following was the main characteristic of the later Vedic age?

- (a) Caste system
- (b) Food gathering practice
- (c) Varna system
- (d) Tribal polity

Answer: Caste system

Which of the following is an Upanishad?

- (a) Krishna Karnamruta
- (b) Aitreya
- (c) Vijasena
- (d) Chandogya

Answer: Aitreya

The Vedic deity Indra was the goddess of

- (a) Rain and thunder
- (b) Fire
- (c) Wind
- (d) Eternity

Answer: Rain and thunder

Which one of the following contains the Gayatri Mantra?

- (a) Yajur Veda
- (b) Sama Veda
- (c) Upanishad
- (d) Rig Veda

Answer: Rig Veda

Which among the following is the source of information about early Vedic period?

- (a) Excavations
- (b) Rig Veda
- (c) Jataka stories
- (d) Post- Vedic literature

Answer: Rig Veda

What was the basis of class differentiation among Aryans?

- (a) Economic condition
- (b) None of these
- (c) Trade



(d) Colour

Answer; Colour

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(a) Colour

(b) None of these

(c) Economic condition

(d) Trade Answer: Colour

Which of the following ideals is not contained in the Atharva Veda?

(a) Moksha

(b) Upasana

(c) Gnana

(d) Karma

Answer: Moksha

Varna system of Aryans was based on

(a) Caste

(b) Sex

(c) Colour

(d) Occupation

Answer: Colour

The chief characteristic of the Rig Vedic religion was

(a) Performance of sacrifices

(b) Preponderance of female goddesses

(c) Worship of images

(d) Belief in the existence of heaven

Answer: Performance of sacrifices

The God not worshipped during the time of Rig Vedic Aryans was

(a) Marut

(b) Shiva

(c) Indra

(d) Agni

Answer: Shiva

The Rig Veda consists of ?

(a) 2000 (b) 1028

(c) 512 (d) 1024

Answer: 1028

The ninth Mandala of the Rig Veda samhita is devoted wholly to

(a) Gods related to plants and drugs

(b) Soma and the god who is named after the drink

(c) Urvashi and the Heaven

(d) Indra and his elephant

Answer: Soma and the god who is named after the drink

Which of the following animals was known to ancient Vedic people ?

(a) Lion

(b) Tiger

(c) Elephant

(d) Boar

Answer: Lion

In Rig Vedic society, which of the following was unknown?

(a) Child marriage

(b) Polyandry

(c) Polygamy

(d) Purdah system

Answer: Polyandry

The family of the Rig Vedic Aryans was

(a) Matrilineal

(b) Patrilineal

(c) Patriarchal

(d) Matriarchal

Answer: Patrilineal

The Vishnu Purana gives an account of

(a) Life in Indus Valley

(b) Mauryan dynasty

(c) The Andhras

(d) The Vardhanas

Answer: Mauryan dynasty

The word Vid from which Veda has been derived means

(a) God

(b) Holy

(c) Doctrine

(d) Knowledge

Answer: God

The ritualistic precepts attached to the hymns of the Vedas were known as the

(a) Upanishads

(b) Aranyakas

(c) Brahmanas

(d) Samhitas

Answer: Brahmanas

The Aryans at first settled in

(a) Punjab

(b) Kashmir

(c) Sindh

(d) Gujarat

Answer: Punjab

Which of the following craftsmanship was not practised by the Aryans?

(a) Blacksmith

(b) Carpentry

- (c) Pottery
- (d) Jewellery

Answer: Blacksmith

The Aryans came to India from

- (a) South-east Asia
- (b) None of these
- (c) Central Asia
- (d) Eastern Europe

Answer: Central Asia

Brahmanas are books that deal with

- (a) Bhakti
- (b) Meditation
- (c) Ritualism
- (d) Yoga

Answer: Bhakti

Which of the following Vedas throws light on the beliefs and practices of the non-Aryans ?

- (a) Samaveda
- (b) Atharvaveda
- (c) Yajurveda
- (d) Rigveda

Answer: Rigveda

The Puranas contain

- (a) Laws of Manu and the history on various dynasties
- (b) Thoughts on the mystery of life and universe mythology.
- (c) Hymns in favour of the Gods
- (d) Mythology

Answer: Thoughts on the mystery of life and universe mythology.

The code of conduct of the Vedic society was laid out in which of the following texts?

- (a) Vedas
- (b) Upanishads
- (c) Puranas
- (d) Smritis

Answer: Smritis

The chief impact of Vedic culture on Indian history was the (a) Progress of philosophy

- (b) Rise of other wordly outlook
- (c) Consolidation of caste system
- (d) Growth of Sanskrit

Answer: Consolidation of caste system Ayurveda owes its origin to(a) Sama Veda

- (b) Atharva Veda
- (c) Yajur Veda
- (d) Rig Veda

Answer: Yajur Veda

Which subject is not dealt with in the Puranas ? (a) Arithmetic

- (b) Genealogies of gods
- (c) Primary ceation
- (d) Secondary creation

Answer: Arithmetic

The Term nishka, which meant an ornament in the Vedic period, was used in later times to denote a/an

(a)

Script

- (b) Argriculture implement
- (c) Coin
- (d) Weapon

Answer: Coin

Which is the most important divinity of Rig Veda?(a) Marut

- (b) Shakti



- (c) Agni
- (d) Varun

Answer: Varun

What is the subject matter of the Upanishads ? (a) Philosophy

- (b) Yoga
- (c) Religion
- (d) Law

Answer: Religion

Rigveda Samhita denotes one fourth of its hymns to (a) Rudra

- (b) Marut
- (c) Indra
- (d) Agni

Answer: Indra

Boghazkoi is important because (a) It is known as significant trading centre between Central Asia and Tibet.

- (b) None of these
- (c) The original text of the Vedas was composed there.
- (d) Inscription found here mention the names of Vedic gods and goddesses.

Answer: Inscription found here mention the names of Vedic gods and goddesses.

Rigveda is divided into 10 books. Which among the following book(s) is/are the oldest ? (a) Second- seventh

- (b) Third-ninth
- (c) First
- (d) Second-eighth

Answer: Second-seventh

Which of the following Vedas is rendered musically ?

- (a) Sama Veda
- (b) Atharva Veda
- (c) Rig Veda
- (d) Yajur Veda

Answer: Sama Veda

The salient feature of Rigvedic religion was the worship of (a) Pashupati

- (b) Trimurti
- (c) Mother Goddess
- (d) Nature

Answer: Nature

Which God lost his importance as the first deity during the Rig Vedic period ? (a) Agni

- (b) Rudra
- (c) Indra
- (d) Varuna

Answer: Varuna

Which was the God of animal during the later Vedic period ? (a) Vishnu

- (b) Prajapati
- (c) Rudra
- (d) Indra

Answer: Rudra

The Gayatri Mantra contained in the Rig Veda is dedicated to which deity ? (a) Surya

- (b) Savitri
- (c) Agni
- (d) Marut

Answer: Savitri

History: World History

Renaissance started first in (a) Russia

- (b) England
- (c) France
- (d) Italy

Answer: Italy

Which of the following is not true of the European renaissance ? (a) It was a intellectual movement

- (b) It Found expression in the revival of the study of ancient Greco-Roman classics.
- (c) It aimed at organising anti-Church movements
- (d) It developed intrest in science and fostered a spirit of adventure

Answer: It aimed at organising anti-Church movements

The Last Super , a famous renaissance painting was a master piece of (a) Leonardo da Vinci

- (b) Raphael
- (c) Michael Angelo
- (d) Titian

Answer: Leonardo da Vinci

With which of the following is the term Liberty , Equality and Fraternity associated ? (a) Industrial Revolution

- (b) Russian Revolution
- (c) French Revolution
- (d) Olympic Games

Answer: French Revolution

The author of the American Declaration of Independence was (a) Lafayette

- (b) George Washington
- (c) Jefferson
- (d) Thomas Paine

Answer: Jefferson

The Industrial Revolution First took place in(a)  
France

- (b) Germany
- (c) England
- (d) America

Answer: England

Guernica, the world famous painting was painted  
by(a) Van Gogh

- (b) Michelangelo
- (c) Picasso
- (d) Leonardo-da-Vinci

Answer: Picasso

The author of the New Deal was (a) President  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt

- (b) President Theodore Roosevelt
- (c) President John Kennedy
- (d) President Woodrow Wilson

Answer; President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The book Social Contract was written by(a) Voltaire

- (b) Diderot
- (c) Rousseau
- (d) Aristole

Answer: Rousseau

The Renaissance scientist who explained how plan-  
ets moved around the sun was (a) Gutenberg

- (b) Kepler
- (c) Rebelais
- (d) Francis Bacorr

Answer: Kepler

The discovery of sea-route from Europe to India was  
made by(a) Columbus

- (b) Vasco-da-Gama
- (c) Marco Polo

(d) Magellan

Answer: Vasco-da-Gama

Who raised the slogan No taxation without representation ? (a) Industrial workers of England

(b) Peasants and workers of France

(c) American Colonies

(d) People of Russia

Answer; American Colonies

What was the name of the atom bomb dropped by USA on Hiroshima in Japan during the second world War ?(a) Little Boy

(b) None of these

(c) Little Fly

(d) Little Devil

Answer: Little Boy

The first successful socialist revolution in history was(a) French Revolution

(b) None of these

(c) American Revolution

(d) Russian Revolution

Answer: American Revolution

Where was Napoleon sent in exile after the battle of waterloo ?(a) St. Helen

(b) Elba

(c) Capri

(d) Corsica

Answer: St. Helen

Which of the following events occurred first ?(a) Russian Revolution

(b) Chinese Revolution

(c) French Revolution

(d) American War of Independence



Answer: American War of Independence

The slogan No taxation without representation was first raised during the American Revolution in (a)

Boston Tea Party

- (b) None of these
- (c) Massachussets Assembly
- (d) Philadelphia Congress

Answer: Massachussets Assembly

The European Renaissance of the fifteenth century is noted for great advances in (a) Engineering

- (b) Art and Architecture
- (c) Medicine
- (d) Mathematics

Answer: Art and Architecture

German attack on poland was the immediate cause of(a) West Asian Crisis

- (b) Cold War
- (c) Second world War
- (d) First World War

Answer: Second world War

Which was the first city destroyed by the atom bomb in second World War ?(a) Tokyo

- (b) Nagasaki
- (c) Hiroshima
- (d) Baghdad

Answer: Hiroshima

July 14 is celebrated every year as a national holiday in France. On this day in 1789, (a) The member of the third estate declared themselves the National Assembly

- (b) Napoleon become the Emperor
- (c) Workers, peasants and other non proper-tied classes were given political rights
- (d) The fall of Bastille took place

Answer: The fall of Bastille took place

Who defined Democracy as the Government of the people, by the people and for the people ? (a) George Washington

- (b) John Stuart Mill
- (c) Abraham Lincoln
- (d) Winston Churchill

Answer: Abraham Lincoln

The Fall of Bastille is associated with the (a) Russian Revolution of Nov, 1917

- (b) American War of Independence
- (c) Greek War of Independence
- (d) French Revolution of 1789

Answer: French Revolution of 1789

Who is regarded as the founder of scientific socialism ? (a) Rousseau

- (b) Karl Marx
- (c) Lenin
- (d) Engels

Answer: Karl Marx

Das Capital and Communist Manifesto were written by (a) Engels

- (b) Trotsky
- (c) Karl Marx
- (d) Lenin

Answer: Karl Marx

The War of Independence of America was fought against the (a) Britain

- (b) France
- (c) Royal People of America
- (d) Denmark

Answer: Britain

The first written republican constitution ever formed in history was that of the(a) Indians

- (b) Americans
- (c) British
- (d) French

Answer: Americans

In the year 1815, the Battle of Waterloo was fought between (a) Britain and France

- (b) Britain and Germany
- (c) Japan and China
- (d) Austria and Russia

Answer: Britain and France

The Fall of Bastille is associated with the(a) French Revolution of 1789

- (b) American War of Independence
- (c) Greek War of Independence
- (d) Russian Revolution of Nov, 1789

Answer: French Revolution of 1789

The year 1992 is celebrated as the 500th anniversary of Columbus first Voyage to the New World. In 1492 Columbus reached

- (a) Bahamas and Canada
- (b) Central America and West Indies
- (c) Bahamas, Cuba and West Indies
- (d) South America and Cuba

Answer: Bahamas, Cuba and West Indies

The Soviet Socialist Revolution of October is celebrated every year on November 7 because

- (a) Lenin's birthday falls on this day
- (b) None of these
- (c) The Provisional Government formed after the collapse of Czarist Government was over-thrown on this day in 1917

(d) Russia's victory over Germany coincides with this date

Answer: The Provisional Government formed after the collapse of Czarist Government was over-thrown on this day in 1917

The famous painting Sun flower was done by

- (a) Leonardo da Vinci
- (b) Van Gogh
- (c) Michael Angelo
- (d) Pablo Picasso

Answer: Van Gogh

Who among the following was a poet of the following events?

- (a) Rossetti
- (b) Dante
- (c) Virgil
- (d) Homer

Answer: Dante

Who was the author of the Republic, a famous classic?

- (a) Plato
- (b) Aristotle
- (c) Herodotus
- (d) Alexander

Answer: Plato

The Communist Manifesto was first published in

- (a) German
- (b) Russian
- (c) French
- (d) English

Answer: German

The Industrial Revolution in the last quarter of the eighteenth century in England first affected the

- (a) Coal mining industry
- (b) Iron and steel industry
- (c) Shipping industry
- (d) Cotton textiles industry

Answer; Cotton textiles industry

Russian revolutionary, who founded the Communist Party, was

- (a) Trotsky
- (b) Lenin
- (c) Stalin
- (d) Karl Marx

Answer: Lenin

The most important achievement of Abraham Lincoln was

- (a) None of these
- (b) The abolition of slavery
- (c) The strengthening of democracy
- (d) The establishment of the supremacy of the north over the south

Answer: The abolition of slavery

Under which of the following treaties did the British recognise the independence of 13 American Colonies?

- (a) Treaty of Versailles
- (b) None of these
- (c) Maastricht Treaty
- (d) Treaty of Paris

Answer: Treaty of Paris

Economic Crisis of 1930s originated in

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Russia
- (c) U.S.A
- (d) France



Answer; U.S.A

When was the Magna Carta Signed by King John of England?

- (a) 1212
- (b) 1217
- (c) 1215
- (d) 1066

Answer: 1215

1917 is known for

- (a) Battle of Trafalgar
- (b) The Russian Revolution
- (c) End of the World War I
- (d) Battle of Jutland

Answer: Battle of Jutland

Who among the following were known as physiocrats at the time of French Revolution?

- (a) The Nobility
- (b) Medical Professionals
- (c) The Clergy
- (d) Economist

Answer: Economist

The European Renaissance of the fifteenth century is noted for great advances in

- (a) Medicine
- (b) Art and Architecture
- (c) Engineering
- (d) Mathematics

Answer; Art and Architecture

Who among the following commanded the American force during American war of independence ? (a)

Hamilton

- (b) Theodore Roosevelt

- (c) Thomas Jefferson
- (d) George Washington

Answer: George Washington

The ideas of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity were Emphasised by (a) Locke

- (b) Rousseau
- (c) Hobbs
- (d) Montesque

Answer: Rousseau

Among the four political parties listed below, which one was the last to be formed ? (a) The Indian National Congress

- (b) The Republican Party in the U.S.A
- (c) The Conservative Party in Britain
- (d) The Democratic Party in U.S.A

Answer: The Indian National Congress

Who among the following commanded the American force during American war of independence ? (a)

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- (b) George Washington
- (c) Hamitton
- (d) Theadore Roosevelt

Answer; George Washington

Which year is associated with the outbreak of world war II ? (a) 1937 (b) 1939

- (c) 1938
- (d) 1935

Answer: 1935

The Industrial Revolution in the last quarter of the eighteenth century in England first affected the(a)

Cotton textiles industry

- (b) Iron and steel industry
- (c) Shipping Industry

(d) Coal mining industry

Answer: Cotton textiles industry

Which style of painting was used by early renaissance artists ? (a) Graeco-Roman

(b) None of these

(c) Gothic

(d) Catholic Art

Answer: Graeco-Roman

Which of the following events symbolised the fall of autocracy during the course of French Revolution

?(a) The fall of Bastille on 14th july, 1789

(b) Execution of the King and Queen

(c) Mass execution by the guillotine in 1792

(d) The meeting of the states General on 17th june, 1789

Answer: The fall of Bastille on 14th july, 1789

Which of the following was the main feature of European Renaissance ? (a) Domination of the Church and religion

(b) Learning by questioning, observation and experimentation

(c) Spread of Christianity outside Europe

(d) It brought back the classic ideals in literature, painting and architecture

Answer: It brought back the classic ideals in literature, painting and architecture Who was the Head of the provincial government of Russia in 1917 ?(a) Nicolas II

(b) Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

(c) Leon Trotsky

(d) Kerensky

Answer: Leon Trotsky

The Boston Tea Party took place in(a) 1776 (b) 1773

(c) 1774

(d) 1770

Answer: 1773

During the period of the Renaissance, new styles of architecture first developed in (a) France

(b) Germany

(c) England

(d) Italy

Answer: Italy

Saint Simon, Charles Fourier and Robert Owen were (a) Renaissance artists

(b) Activities in the American war of independence

(c) Portuguese Navigator

(d) Early Socialist

Answer: Early Socialist

When did the second world war end? (a) 1918 (b) 1946

(c) 1939

(d) 1945

Answer: 1945

History: Cultural History- Art, Architecture and Music

Who built the stupa at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh? (a) Kanishka

(b) Chandragupta

(c) Ashoka

(d) Harsha

Answer: Ashoka

The most famous court-poet (in Hindi Literature) of Akbar was (a) Raskhan

(b) Tulsidas

- (c) Surdas
- (d) Abdur Rahim-Khan-i-Khanan

Answer: Abdur Rahim-Khan-i-Khanan

Who among the following Mughal rulers has been called as the Prince of Builders (a) Jehangir

- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Babar
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Shahjehan

The Khajurao shrines built by Chandella rulers are dedicated to (a) Shiva and Parvati

- (b) Vishnu and Brahma
- (c) Vishnu and Shiva
- (d) Indra and Varun

Answer: Shiva and Parvati

The contents of Allahabad Pillars inscription of Samudragupta were written by (a) Vishakhadatta

- (b) Harisena
- (c) Kalidas
- (d) Virasen

Answer: Virasen

Sculptures of the Gandhara school reflect the influence of the (a) Chinese

- (b) Persians
- (c) Italians
- (d) Greeks

Answer: Greeks

An example of Chola architecture can be seen at (a) Tanjore



- (b) Kanchipuram
- (c) Ellora
- (d) Mahabalipuram

Answer: Tanjore

During the Mughal period of Indian history, the name of Mansur became famous in the field of (a) Painting

- (b) Garden Laying
- (c) Music
- (d) Architecture

Answer: Painting

Sarnath's Lion Capital is attributed to (a) Kanishka

- (b) Chandragupta
- (c) Harshavardhana
- (d) Ashoka

Answer: Ashoka

The Dravidian style of architecture can be seen in (a) Mahabodhi temple at Gaya

- (b) Jagannath Temple at Puri
- (c) Dharmaraja-ratha at Mamallapuram
- (d) Sun Temple at Konark

Answer: Dharmaraja-ratha at Mamallapuram

Which of the following is correct chronological sequence? (a) Qutub Minar, Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri

- (b) Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, Qutub Minar
- (c) Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar
- (d) Qutub Minar, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal

Answer: Qutub Minar, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal

The large Shiva Temple at Thanjavur was built by (a) Chandellas

- (b) Rashtrakutas
- (c) Rajaraja Chola
- (d) Rajendra Chola

Answer: Rajaraja Chola

Which of the following was built by Akbar ? (a) Fort of Daulatabad

- (b) Fort of Ahmednagar
- (c) Red Fort
- (d) Agra Fort

Answer: Agra Fort

The Kirti Stambha (Tower of Victory) at Chittor was built by(a) Bappa Raval

- (b) Rana Kumbha
- (c) Rana Pratap
- (d) Rana Sanga

Answer: Rana Kumbha

The Red Fort of Delhi was built by(a) Sher Shah

- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Shahjehan

Which of the following is not related to Gandhara School of Art ? (a) Elephanta

- (b) Khajuraho
- (c) Ellora
- (d) Ajanta

Answer: Ajanta

The monuments at Khajuraho blong to the period of(a) Gahadavalas

- (b) Chandellas
- (c) Vakatakas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: Chandellas

In the Gandhar Sculptures, the preaching mudra associated with the Buddha's first sermon at Sarnath is(a) Bhumisparsa

- (b) Dharmachakra
- (c) Dhyana
- (d) Abhaya

Answer: Dhyana

The Mughal painting reached its zenith during the reign of(a) Babur

- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Jehangir
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

Which of the following is not correctly matched ? (a) Nalanda-Monastic establishment

- (b) Tanjore-Cave Temple
- (c) Konark-Sun Temple
- (d) Amravati - Stupa

Answer: Amravati - Stupa

Gandhara School of Art was established in(a) Eastern India

- (b) Southern India
- (c) North-Western India
- (d) Western India

Answer: North-Western India

Temples at All the following places are well known for their erotic sculptures except (a) Konark

- (b) Madurai
- (c) Khajuraho
- (d) Halebid and Belur

Answer: Halebid and Belur

Taxila was a famous site of(a) Mauryan art

- (b) Gupta art

- (c) Gandhara art
- (d) Early Vedic art

Answer: Gandhara art

The structure of Qutub Minar was completed by(a) Iltutmish

- (b) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
- (c) Aram Shah
- (d) Qutbuddin Aibak

Answer: Iltutmish

In the medieval period, Indian painting reached a high degree of perfection during the reign of (a) Firoz Tughlaq

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Sher shah
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Jehangir

Fourteen rock edicts of ashoka have been unearthed at(a) Girnar

- (b) None of these
- (c) Sasaram
- (d) Kandhar

Answer: Girnar

Which sufi saint's dargah is at Ajmer ? (a) Hazrat Nizamuddin

- (b) Salim Chisti
- (c) Muinuddin Chisti
- (d) Baba Farid

Answer: Salim Chisti

Gandhara School of art developed during the time of (a) Sungas

- (b) Kushans
- (c) Sakas

- (d) Mauryas

Answer: Kushans

Which of the following is not associated with growth of cave art ? (a) Karle

- (b) Mahabalipuram  
(c) Amarnath  
(d) Bagh

Answer: Amarnath

The distinctive contribution of the Turkish rulers of India to architecture was the (a) Use of motifs for decoration

- (b) Use of arch and dome  
(c) Use of red stone  
(d) Building of towers

Answer: Use of arch and dome

Which of the following statements is true of the Gandhara school of art ?(a) It was a form of Ashokan art

- (b) It was Greek in technique and indian in Theme  
(c) It was an indigenous school of art  
(d) It was an offshoot of greek art

Answer: It was Greek in technique and indian in Theme Buland Darwaza is situated in(a) Delhi

- (b) Meerut  
(c) Lucknow  
(d) Fatehpur Sikri

Answer: Fatehpur Sikri

The images in the temple of ankorvat are those of(a) Buddha

- (b) Combodians Kings  
(c) Tirthankaras  
(d) Hindu Deities

Answer: Hindu Deities



Which of the following is not a characteristics of the painting of Mughal period ? (a) Mythological themes were depicted

- (b) Religious scenes were depicted
- (c) Court and Cultural scenes were depicted
- (d) Scenes of battels were shown

Answer: Religious scenes were depicted Nishat Garden was built by(a) Shahjehan

- (b) Jehangir
- (c) Babar
- (d) Sher shah

Answer: Jehangir

Who is considered as Trimurti (Trinity) of Carnatic music ? (a) Muthuswami Dikshitar

- (b) Purandaradasa
- (c) Thyagaraja
- (d) Swati Thirunal

Answer: Muthuswami Dikshitar

Which of the following is the oldest monuments ?(a) Qutub Minar

- (b) Khajuraho
- (c) Taj Mahal
- (d) Ajanta

Answer: Ajanta

Which temple got the name of Black Pagoda ? (a) Sun Temple

- (b) Bhuvneshwari Temple
- (c) Lingharaja Temple
- (d) Jagannath Temple

Answer: Sun Temple

Who built Char Minar ?(a) Ali Adil Shah

- (b) Ibrahim Adil Shah II

- (c) Quli Qutb Shah
- (d) Ibrahim Qutb Shah

Answer: Quli Qutb Shah

Vakatakas belong to the period of (a) Guptas

- (b) Harsha
- (c) Mauryas
- (d) Kushans

Answer: Quli Qutb Shahz

Which of the following schools of paintings developed independently during the Mughal Period ? (a) The Rajputs School

- (b) The Bijapur School
- (c) The Golconda School
- (d) The Kangra School

Answer: The Bijapur School

Development of architecture was at its peak during (a) Pandhya period

- (b) Gupta period
- (c) Chola period
- (d) Mughal period

Answer: Gupta period

Who built the famous Dilwara temple at Mount Abu in the 13th century ? (a) Rajyapala

- (b) Mahipala
- (c) Tejapala
- (d) Mahendrapala

Answer: Tejapala

The originators of the Dravidian style of architecture and sculpture in south India were (a) Pallavas

- (b) Pandyas
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Hoysalas

Answer: Pallavas

To whom was place for Amritsar given by Mughal emperor Akbar ? (a) Guru harkrishan

- (b) Guru Teg Bahadur
- (c) Guru Ram Das
- (d) Guru Amar Das

Answer: Guru Ram Das

The Mathura school of art flourished during the reign of (a) Kadphises-I

- (b) Vaishka
- (c) Vasudeva
- (d) Kanishka

Answer: Vasudeva

Which of the following is an example of Mauryan art ? (a) The panel showing Mahakapi Jataka at Bharhut

- (b) Bull capital, Rampurva
- (c) Image of Nara-Narayana in the temple at Deogarh
- (d) Terracotta figures found at Ter

Answer: Bull capital, Rampurva

Buland Darwaza, built by Akbar, is to commemorate the victory of (a) Delhi

- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Orissa
- (d) Bengal

Answer: Gujarat

The mausoleum of Sher Shah is at (a) Delhi

- (b) Lahore
- (c) Agra
- (d) Sasaram

Answer: Sasaram

The famous monastery at Vikramasila was founded by the(a) Rashtrakutas

- (b) Guptas
- (c) Palas
- (d) Senas

Answer: Palas

Most of the Ajanta paintings were done during the period of (a) Kushans

- (b) Guptas
- (c) Harshavardhana
- (d) Mauryas

Answer: Guptas

The Iron Pillar at Mehrauli was built by(a) Nandas

- (b) Khiljis
- (c) Gupta
- (d) Mauryas

Answer: Gupta

The Gandhara school of art developed during the time of(a) The Mauryas

- (b) The Sungas
- (c) The Sakas
- (d) The Kushans

Answer: The Kushans

The construction of the Golden Temple at Amritsar was done under the supervision of (a) Guru Govind Singh

- (b) Guru Ramdass
- (c) Guru Nanak
- (d) Guru Arjun

Answer: Guru Ramdass

Who among the following Mughal rulers banned music and dancing ? (a) Aurangzeb

- (b) Babar

(c) Humayun

(d) Jehangir

Answer: Aurangzeb

Who among the following was a great musician in the court of Akbar ? (a) Ramdas

(b) Abul Fazal

(c) Tansen

(d) Amir Khusro

Answer: Tansen

Who among the following are credited to have built the famous Ellora caves ? (a) Satavahanas

(b) Cheras

(c) Rashtrakutas

(d) Cholas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

Fatehpur Sikri was founded by(a) Humayun

(b) Jehangir

(c) Akbar

(d) Babar

Answer: Akbar

The caves and rock-cut temples at Ellora are(a) Buddhist and Jain

(b) Hindu and Jain

(c) Hindu, Buddhist and Jain

(d) Buddhist

Answer: Hindu, Buddhist and Jain

The cult of Krishna is mainly exhibited through the(a) Mughal School of Art

(b) Bengal School of Art

(c) Ancient Art

(d) Rajasthani Group

Answer: Rajasthani Group



The famous bronze image of Nataraja is a fine example of (a) Chola art

- (b) Mauryan art
- (c) Gandhara art
- (d) Gupta art

Answer: Chola art

Fresco paintings of Ajanta caves is the art of (a) Rashtrakutas

- (b) Guptas
- (c) Mauryas
- (d) Kushans

Answer: Guptas

The statue of Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola was built by (a) Chandragupta Maurya

- (b) Amoghavarsha
- (c) Kharavela
- (d) Chamundaraya

Answer: Chamundaraya

Pallava Kings are remembered as the makers of rock-cut temples at (a) Thanjavur

- (b) Khajuraho
- (c) Mahabalipuram
- (d) Rameshwaram

Answer: Mahabalipuram

In which of the following caves, 28 new caves have been discovered ? (a) Ajanta caves

- (b) None of these
- (c) Ellora caves
- (d) Elephanta caves

Answer: Elephanta caves

Jama Masjid in Delhi was built by (a) Shahjahan

- (b) Humayun

(c) Jehangir

(d) Akbar

Answer: Shahjehan

Who was the Hindu king shown playing on the Veena, on ancient coins ? (a) Shivaji

(b) Ashoka

(c) Samudragupta

(d) Vikramaditya

Answer: Samudragupta

An example of the Nagara style of architecture is provided by the (a) Brihadeeswara Temple, Thanjavur

(b) Kandariya Mahadeva Temple, Khajuraho

(c) Kailasnatha Temple, Kanchipuram

(d) Lingaraja Temple, Bhubaneswar

Answer: Brihadeeswara Temple, Thanjavur

Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched ? (a) Satkarni : Kharavela

(b) Mandasor : Yasodharman

(c) Junagarh : Pushyamitra

(d) Allahabad Pillar : Samudragupta

Answer: Junagarh : Pushyamitra

The celebrated Rummindei pillar of Ashoka marked the site where Gautama Buddha (a) Died at the age of eighty

(b) Preached his first sermon

(c) Was born in 566 B.C.

(d) Attained into supreme knowledge and insight

Answer: Died at the age of eighty

The Ellora caves in Maharashtra were built by (a) Palas

(b) Rashtrakutas

(c) Cholas

- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

The best specimen of the Mauryan art is represented in (a) Stupas

- (b) Chaityas  
(c) Pillars  
(d) Cave architecture

Answer: Pillars

Which among the following dynasties were not patrons of temple architecture ? (a) Chandellas of Bundelkhand

- (b) Paramars of Malwa  
(c) Yadavas of Devagiri  
(d) Chalukyas of Gujarat

Answer: Yadavas of Devagiri

Which of the following Mughal emperors is credited with the composition of Hindi songs ? (a) Babar

- (b) Akbar  
(c) Humayun  
(d) Jahangir

Answer: Jahangir

Which of the undermentioned facts about Taj is not correct ? (a) It is situated outside the Agra Fort.

- (b) The names of artisans who built it are engraved on it.  
(c) It is a magnificent mausoleum.  
(d) It was built by Shah Jahan.

Answer: The names of artisans who built it are engraved on it.

Which of the following Mughal emperor's tomb is outside India ? (a) Akbar

- (b) Aurangzeb  
(c) Shah Jahan

(d) Jehangir

Answer: Jehangir

Which of the following forts was not built by Akbar ?

(a) Lahore Fort

(b) Agra Fort

(c) Allahabad Fort

(d) Gwalior Fort

Answer: Gwalior Fort

The earliest known Pahari paintings are from(a)  
Guler

(b) Chamba

(c) Kangra

(d) Basholi

Answer: Kangra

The coins of which of the following reveal their love  
for music ? (a) Mauryas

(b) Cholas

(c) Chalukyas

(d) Guptas

Answer: Guptas

The Buddhist sculpture and art is found at (a) Maha-  
balipuram

(b) Vijayanagar

(c) Kanchi

(d) Amravati

Answer: Kanchi

Mughal architecture reveals a blending of(a) Indian  
and Persian styles

(b) Timurid and Indian styles

(c) Turkish and Persian styles

(d) Turkish and Afghan styles

Answer: Indian and Persian styles

The most famous musician at the court of Akbar was Tansen. His original name was (a) Makaranda Pande

- (b) Lal Kalwant
- (c) Ramatanu Pande
- (d) Baz Bahadur

Answer: Ramatanu Pande

The existing specimens of Ashoka's monuments may be grouped under three heads. Which is not one of the categories ?(a) Stupas

- (b) Viharas
- (c) Monolithic sandstone pillars
- (d) Caves with highly polished walls

Answer: Viharas

Which art did Jahangir mainly patronise ?(a) Architecture

- (b) Music
- (c) Paintings
- (d) Sculpture

Answer: Paintings

What was the raw material that was generally used in Akbar's time ? (a) Marble

- (b) None of these
- (c) Red Stone
- (d) Brick

Answer: Red Stone

Which of the following is an architectural achievement of the Chandellas ? (a) Sun Temple, Konark

- (b) Rock-cut caves at Mahabalipuram
- (c) Sun Temple, Modhera
- (d) Temples at Khajuraho

Answer: Temples at Khajuraho



Who built the Tower of Victory (Vijay Stambha) in the Chittor fort ?(a) Rana Ratan Singh

- (b) Rana Khumba
- (c) Rana Sanga
- (d) Rana Hamir Deva

Answer: Rana Khumba

Which of the following is similar to the Taj Mahal in construction ? (a) Akbar's tomb

- (b) Bibi-ka-maqbara
- (c) Jahangir's tomb
- (d) Humayun's tomb

Answer: Humayun's tomb

Purana Qila was constructed during the reign of(a) Jahangir

- (b) Sher Shah
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Sher Shah

The temple of Angkorvat is in (a) Laos

- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Gambodia

Answer: Gambodia

Graeco-Roman influence in Indian art is found at(a) Gandhara

- (b) Bharhut
- (c) Bodh Gaya
- (d) Sanchi

Answer: Sanchi

The Hathigumpha inscription is found in(a) Kakatiya (Andhra Pradesh)

- (b) Halebid (Karnataka)
- (c) Udayagiri (Cuttack)

(d) Nasik (Maharashtra)

Answer: Udayagiri (Cuttack)

The tomb of Babar is at(a) Lahore

(b) Sikandra

(c) Sasaram

(d) Kabul

Answer: Kabul

The most famous interpolation made by the Brahmins was the addition of Bhagvad Gita to(a) Mahabharat

(b) Puranas

(c) Vedas

(d) Upanishads

Answer: Mahabharat

Taxila was a famous site of(a) Mauryan Art

(b) Gupta Art

(c) Gandhara Art

(d) Early Vedic Art

Answer: Gandhara Art

The Vimana style in temple architecture came into vogue during the reign of (a) Rashtrakutas

(b) Cholas

(c) Mauryas

(d) Guptas

Answer: Cholas

In Mughal paintings, one notices the adoption of the principle of foreshortening whereby near and distant people and things could be placed in perspective. This was due to the influence of(a) British

(b) Spanish

(c) Dutch

(d) Portuguese

Answer: Portuguese

The two colossal images of the Buddha at Bamiyan are works of(a) The Gandhara Art

- (b) The early Mathura school of Art
- (c) The Gupta Art
- (d) The Maurya Art

Answer: The Gupta Art

Qutab Minar was built by(a) Razia Sultan

- (b) shahjahan
- (c) Qutb-ud-din Aibak
- (d) Iltutmish

Answer: Qutb-ud-din Aibak

Bronze coins of Nataraja cast during the Chola period invariably show the deity with (a) Two hands

- (b) Eight hands
- (c) Four hands
- (d) Six hands

Answer: Six hands

Ajanta paintings are the finest specimens of(a) Rock engravings

- (b) Rajasthani miniature paintings
- (c) Persian art
- (d) Indian cave paintings

Answer: Rajasthani miniature paintings

The paintings in the Ajanta and Ellora Caves are indicative of development of art under the (a) Pallavas

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Pandyas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

The buildings constructed by which Mughal ruler represent the climax in the evolution of Mughal architecture ?(a) Aurangzeb

- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Shahjahan

Who among the following Gupta rulers was a poet and a musician and was adorned with the title of Kaviraja or King of poets ?(a) Samudragupta

- (b) None of these
- (c) Chandragupta I
- (d) Skandagupta

Answer: Samudragupta

The new element of Gopuram was encouraged in temples of South India by(a) Cholas

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Pallavas
- (d) Pandyas

Answer: Pandyas

Which of the following was built by Rashtrakutas ?  
(a) Surya temple of Konark

- (b) Channakeshava temple of Betur
- (c) Siva temple of Ellora
- (d) Kailasha temple of Mahabalipuram

Answer: Siva temple of Ellora

Of all the great powers that made the history of South India, none had a more marked effect on the architecture of this region than the earliest of all. This observation refers to(a) Chalukyas

- (b) Cholas
- (c) Pallavas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: Pallavas

The earliest extant (still standing) temples date from  
(a) The Maurya period

- (b) The Sunga period
- (c) The Gupta period
- (d) The Vedic period

Answer: The Gupta period

Which of the following is not connected with Kushans ? (a) Ajanta paintings

- (b) Fourth Buddhist Council
- (c) Gandhara Art
- (d) Mathura Art

Answer: Gandhara Art

Ajanta paintings depict scenes from the (a) Mahabharat

- (b) Upanishads
- (c) Jatakas
- (d) Ramayana

Answer: Jatakas

The stupa at Sanchi and the railings surrounding it, belong to the period of (a) Kushans

- (b) Mauryas
- (c) Guptas
- (d) Cholas

Answer: Mauryas

The temple built during the medieval period by which of the following dynasties are known as Seven Pagodas? (a) Pallavas

- (b) Hoysalas
- (c) Chalukyas
- (d) Choias

Answer: Pallavas

The first Mughal building to have been built entirely of marble is (a) Itmat-ud-Daula's tomb

- (b) Taj Mahal
- (c) Akbar's mausoleum



(d) Humayun's tomb

Answer: Taj Mahal

The finest and most elaborate temple of Chola architecture is the(a) Subrahmanya temple at Thanjaur

(b) Temple at Gangaikonda Cholapuram

(c) Kailashanatha temple at Kanchipuram

(d) Brihadisvara temple at Thanjaur

Answer: Brihadisvara temple at Thanjaur

Biwi Ka Maqbara is the tomb of (a) Aurangzeb's wife

(b) Mumtaz Mahal

(c) Nurjahan

(d) Humayun's sister

Answer: Aurangzeb's wife

Akbar built the Panch Mahal, noted for its various types of pillars, at (a) Delhi

(b) Lahore

(c) Agra

(d) Fatehpur Sikri

Answer: Fatehpur Sikri

Who built the mausoleum of Jahangir and where?(a) Shahjahan at Delhi

(b) Nur Jahan at Fatehpur Sikri

(c) Nur Jahan at Lahore

(d) Shahjahan at Agra

Answer: Nur Jahan at Lahore

The city of Agra was founded by(a) Ibrahim Lodi

(b) Firuz Tughlaq

(c) Sikandar Lodi

(d) Rana Sanga

Answer: Sikandar Lodi

An overwhelming majority of the images at Ajanta are those of(a) Vishnu

- (b) Durga
- (c) Buddha
- (d) Siva

Answer: Buddha

The largest grant of villages to temples and brahmana was given by the ruling dynasty known as (a)

Rashtrakutas

- (b) Pratiharas
- (c) The Guptas
- (d) The Palas

Answer: The Guptas

Which of the following Indian kings excelled in art and music ? (a) Chandragupta Maurya

- (b) Kanishka
- (c) Harshavardhana
- (d) Samudragupta

Answer: Samudragupta

Which Sultans added the Alai Darwaza to the Qutab Minar ? (a) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

- (b) Iltutmish
- (c) Firoz Tughlaq
- (d) Alauddin Khilji

Answer: Alauddin Khilji

The use of Kharoshti in ancient Indian architecture is the result of India's contact with (a) Central Asia

- (b) Greece
- (c) China
- (d) Iran

Answer: Greece

The rock-cut caves at Elephanta belong to the period of (a) Vakatakas

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Rashtrakutas

(d) Satavahanas

Answer: Chalukyas

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Who built the stupa at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh ?(a) Ashoka

(b) Chandragupta

(c) Harsha

(d) Kanishka

Answer: Ashoka

The most famous court-poet (in Hindi Literature) of akbar was(a) Raskhan

(b) Tulsidas

(c) Surdas

(d) Abdur Rahim-Khan-i-Khanan

Answer: Abdur Rahim-Khan-i-Khanan

Who among the following Mughal rulers has been called as the Prince of Builders (a) Babar

(b) Jehangir

(c) Akbar

(d) Shahjehan

Answer: Shahjehan

The Khajurao shrines built by Chandella rulers are dedicated to (a) Shiva and Parvati

(b) Vishnu and Brahma

(c) Vishnu and Shiva

(d) Indra and Varun

Answer: Shiva and Parvati

The contents of Allahabad Pillars inscription of Samudragupta were written by (a) Harisena

(b) Virasen

(c) Vishakhadatta

(d) Kalidas

Answer: Virasen

Sculptures of the Gandhara school reflect the influence of the(a) Italians

(b) Persians

(c) Greeks

(d) Chinese

Answer: Greeks

An example of Chola architecture can be sent at(a) Kanchipuram

(b) Tanjore

(c) Ellora

(d) Mahabalipuram

Answer: Tanjore

During the Mughal period of Indian history, the name of Mansur became famous in the field of (a) Painting

(b) Garden Laying

(c) Music

(d) Architecture

Answer: Painting

Sarnath's Lion Capital is attributed to(a) Chandragupta

(b) Ashoka

(c) Kanishka

(d) Harshavardhana

Answer: Ashoka

The Darvidian style of architecture can be seen in(a) Mahabodhi temple at Gaya

(b) Jagannath Temple at Puri

(c) Dharamaraja-ratha at Mamallapuram

(d) Sun Temple at Konark

Answer: Dharamaraja-ratha at Mamallapuram

Which of the following is correct chronological sequence?(a) Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar

- (b) Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, Qutub Minar
- (c) Qutub Minar, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal
- (d) Qutub Minar, Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri

Answer: Qutub Minar, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal

The large Shiva Temple at Thanjavur was built by(a) Rajaraja Chola

- (b) Rashtrakutas
- (c) Rajendra Chola
- (d) Chandellas

Answer: Rajaraja Chola

Which of the following was built by Akbar ? (a) Fort of Ahmednagar

- (b) Agra Fort
- (c) Fort of Daulatabad
- (d) Red Fort

Answer: Agra Fort

The Kirti Stambha (Tower of Victory) at Chittor was built by(a) Rana Pratap

- (b) Bappa Raval
- (c) Rana Sanga
- (d) Rana Kumbha

Answer: Rana Kumbha

The Red Fort of Delhi was built by(a) Sher Shah

- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Shahjehan

Which of the following is not related to Gandhara School of Art ? (a) Elephanta



- (b) Khajuraho
- (c) Ellora
- (d) Ajanta

Answer: Ajanta

The monuments at Khajuraho belong to the period of(a) Chandellas

- (b) Gahadavalas
- (c) Vakatakas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: Chandellas

In the Gandhar Sculptures, the preaching mudra associated with the Buddha's first sermon at Sarnath is(a) Dharmachakra

- (b) Dhyana
- (c) Abhaya
- (d) Bhumisparsa

Answer: DhyanaDhyana

The Mughal painting reached its zenith during the reign of(a) Jehangir

- (b) Shahjehan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Babur

Answer: Akbar

Which of the following is not correctly matched ? (a) Nalanda-Monastic establishment

- (b) Tanjore-Cave Temple
- (c) Konark-Sun Temple
- (d) Amravati - Stupa

Answer : Amravati - Stupa

Gandhara School of Art was established in(a) Western India

- (b) Southern India
- (c) Eastern India

(d) North-Western India

Answer: North-Western Western India

Temples at All the following places are well known for their erotic sculptures except (a) Khajuraho

(b) Madurai

(c) Halebid and Belur

(d) Konark

Answer: Halebid and Belur

Taxila was a famous site of (a) Mauryan art

(b) Gupta art

(c) Gandhara art

(d) Early Vedic art

Answer: Gandhara art

The structure of Qutub Minar was completed by (a) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

(b) Iltutmish

(c) Aram Shah

(d) Qutbuddin Aibak

Answer: Iltutmish

In the medieval period, Indian painting reached a high degree of perfection during the reign of (a)

Jehangir

(b) Aurangzeb

(c) Firoz Tughlaq

(d) Sher Shah

Answer: Jehangir

Fourteen rock edicts of Ashoka have been unearthed at (a) Kandhar

(b) None of these

(c) Girnar

(d) Sasaram

Answer: Girnar

Which sufi saint's dargah is at Ajmer ? (a) Baba Farid

- (b) Hazrat Nizamuddin
- (c) Salim Chisti
- (d) Muinuddin Chisti

Answer: Salim Chisti

Gandhara School of art developed during the time of

(a) Sakas

- (b) Sungas
- (c) Mauryas
- (d) Kushans

Answer: Kushans

Which of the following is not associated with growth of cave art ? (a) Bagh

- (b) Mahabalipuram
- (c) Karle
- (d) Amarnath

Answer: Amarnath

The distinctive contribution of the Turkish rulers of India to architecture was the (a) Building of towers

- (b) Use of motifs for decoration
- (c) Use of arch and dome
- (d) Use of red stone

Answer: Use of arch and dome

Which of the following statements is true of the Gandhara school of art ? (a) It was Greek in technique and indian in Theme

- (b) It was a form of Ashokan art
- (c) It was an indigenous school of art
- (d) It was an offshoot of greek art

Answer: It was Greek in technique and indian in Theme Buland Darwaza is situated in (a) Delhi

- (b) Meerut
- (c) Lucknow

(d) Fatehpur Sikri

Answer: Fatehpur Sikri

The images in the temple of ankorvat are those of(a)  
Tirthankaras

(b) Combodians Kings

(c) Hindu Deities

(d) Buddha

Answer: Hindu Deities

Which of the following is not a characteristics of the painting of Mughal period ? (a) Court and Cultural scenes were depicted

(b) Mythological themes were depicted

(c) Scenes of battels were shown

(d) Religious scenes were depicted Answer: Religious scenes were depicted Nishat Garden was built by(a) Jehangir

(b) Shahjehan

(c) Babar

(d) Sher shah

Answer: Jehangir

Who is considered as Trimurti (Trinity) of Carnatic music ? (a) Purandaradasa

(b) Muthuswami Dikshitar

(c) Thyagaraja

(d) Swati Thirunal

Answer: Muthuswami Dikshitar

Which of the following is the oldest monuments ?(a)  
Ajanta

(b) Khajuraho

(c) Qutub Minar

(d) Taj Mahal

Answer; Ajanta

Which temple got the name of Black Pagoda ? (a)  
Lingharaja Temple

- (b) Bhuvneshwari Temple
- (c) Jagannath Temple
- (d) Sun Temple

Answer: Sun Temple

Who built Char Minar ?(a) Quli Qutb Shah

- (b) Ibrahim Adil Shah II
- (c) Ibrahim Qutb Shah
- (d) Ali Adil Shah

Answer: Quli Qutb Shah

Vakatakas belong to the period of(a) Kushans

- (b) Harsha
- (c) Guptas
- (d) Mauryas

Answer: Guptas

Which of the following schools of paintings developed independently during the Mughal Period ? (a)  
The Kangra School

- (b) The Rajputs School
- (c) The Bijapur School
- (d) The Golconda School

Answer: The Bijapur School

Development of architecture was at its peak during(a) Mughal period

- (b) Pandhya period
- (c) Gupta period
- (d) Chola period

Answer: Gupta period

Who built the famous Dilwara temple at Mount Abu in the 13th century ? (a) Tejapala

- (b) Mahipala
- (c) Mahendrapala



(d) Rajyapala

Answer: Tejjapala

The originators of the Dravidian style of architecture and sculpture in south India were (a) Cholas

(b) Pandyas

(c) Hoysalas

(d) Pallavas

Answer: Pallavas

To whom was place for Amritsar given by Mughal emperor Akbar ? (a) Guru Ram Das

(b) Guru Teg Bahadur

(c) Guru Amar Das

(d) Guru harkrishan

Answer: Guru Ram Das

The Mathura school of art flourished during the reign of (a) Kadphises-I

(b) Vaishka

(c) Vasudeva

(d) Kanishka

Answer: Vasudeva

Which of the following is an example of Mauryan art ? (a) Bull capital, Rampurva

(b) The panel showing Mahakapi Jataka at Bharhut

(c) Image of Nara-Narayana in the temple at Deogarh

(d) Terracotta figures found at Ter

Answer: Bull capital, Rampurva

Buland Darwaza, built by Akbar, is to commemorate the victory of (a) Delhi

(b) Gujarat

(c) Orissa

(d) Bengal

Answer: Gujarat

The mausoleum of Sher Shah is at(a) Agra

(b) Lahore

(c) Sasaram

(d) Delhi

Answer: Sasaram

The famous monastery at Vikramasila was founded by the(a) Senas

(b) Guptas

(c) Rashtrakutas

(d) Palas

Answer: Palas

Most of the Ajanta paintings were done during the period of (a) Kushans

(b) Guptas

(c) Harshavardhana

(d) Mauryas

Answer: Guptas

The Iron Pillar at Mehrauli was built by(a) Nandas

(b) Khiljis

(c) Gupta

(d) Mauryas

Answer: Gupta

The Gandhara school of art developed during the time of(a) The Sungas

(b) The Kushans

(c) The Mauryas

(d) The Sakas

Answer: The Kushans

The construction of the Golden Temple at Amritsar was done under the supervision of (a) Guru Nanak

- (b) Guru Govind Singh
- (c) Guru Arjun
- (d) Guru Ramdass

Answer: Guru Ramdass

Who among the following Mughal rulers banned music and dancing ? (a) Aurangzeb

- (b) Babar
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Aurangzeb

Who among the following was a great musician in the court of Akbar ? (a) Ramdas

- (b) Abul Fazal
- (c) Tansen
- (d) Amir Khusro

Answer: Aurangzeb

Who among the following are credited to have built the famous Ellora caves ? (a) Rashtrakutas

- (b) Cheras
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Satavahanas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

Fatehpur Sikri was founded by (a) Akbar

- (b) Jehangir
- (c) Babar
- (d) Humayun

Answer: Akbar

The caves and rock-cut temples at Ellora are (a) Buddhist

- (b) Hindu and Jain
- (c) Buddhist and Jain
- (d) Hindu, Buddhist and Jain

Answer: Hindu, Buddhist and Jain

The cult of Krishna is mainly exhibited through the(a) Bengal School of Art

- (b) Rajasthani Group
- (c) Mughal School of Art
- (d) Ancient Art

Answer: Rajasthani Group

The famous bronze image of Nataraja is a fine example of (a) Gupta art

- (b) Mauryan art
- (c) Chola art
- (d) Gandhara art

Answer: Chola art

Fresco paintings of Ajanta caves is the art of (a) Kushans

- (b) Rastrakutas
- (c) Guptas
- (d) Mauryas

Answer: Guptas

The statue of Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola was built by(a) Kharavela

- (b) Amoghavarsha
- (c) Chamundaraya
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chamundaraya

Pallava Kings are remembered as the makers of rock-cut temples at(a) Mahabalipuram

- (b) Khajuraho
- (c) Rameshwaram
- (d) Thanjavur

Answer: Mahabalipuram

In which of the following caves, 28 new caves have been discovered ? (a) None of these

- (b) Elephanta caves
- (c) Ajanta caves
- (d) Ellora caves

Answer: Elephanta caves

Jama Masjid in Delhi was built by (a) Jehangir

- (b) Humayun
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Shahjehan

Answer: Shahjehan

Who was the Hindu king shown playing on the Veena, on ancient coins ? (a) Samudragupta

- (b) Ashoka
- (c) Vikramaditya
- (d) Shivaji

Answer: Shahjehan

An example of the Nagara style of architecture is provided by the (a) Kandariya Mahadeva Temple, Khajuraho

- (b) Brihadeeswara Temple, Thanjavur
- (c) Kailasnatha Temple, Kanchipuram
- (d) Lingaraja Temple, Bhubaneswar

Answer: Brihadeeswara Temple, Thanjavur

Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched ? (a) Mandasor : Yasodharman

- (b) Junagarh : Pushyamitra
- (c) Allahabad Pillar : Samudragupta
- (d) Satkarni : Kharavela

Answer: Junagarh : Pushyamitra

The celebrated Rummindei pillar of Ashoka marked the site where Gautama Buddha (a) Died at the age of eighty

- (b) Preached his first sermon



- (c) Was born in 566 B.C.
- (d) Attained into supreme knowledge and insight

Answer: Died at the age of eighty

The Ellora caves in Maharashtra were built by(a)  
Palas

- (b) Rashtrakutas
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

The best specimen of the Mauryan art is represented in (a) Stupas

- (b) Chaityas
- (c) Pillars
- (d) Cave architecture

Answer: Pillars

Which among the following dynasties were not patrons of temple architecture ? (a) Yadavas of Devagiri

- (b) Paramars of Malwa
- (c) Chalukyas of Gujarat
- (d) Chandellas of Bundelkhand

Answer: Yadavas of Devagiri

Which of the following Mughal emperors is credited with the composition of Hindi songs ? (a) Akbar

- (b) Jahangir
- (c) Babar
- (d) Humayun

Answer: Jahangir

Which of the undermentioned facts about Taj is not correct ? (a) It is situated outside the Agra Fort.

- (b) The names of artisans who built it are engraved on it.
- (c) It is a magnificent mausoleum.

(d) It was built by Shah Jahan.

Answer: The names of artisans who built it are engraved on it.

Which of the following Mughal emperor's tomb is outside India ? (a) Jehangir

(b) Aurangzeb

(c) Akbar

(d) Shah Jahan

Answer: Jehangir

Which of the following forts was not built by Akbar ?

(a) Gwalior Fort

(b) Agra Fort

(c) Lahore Fort

(d) Allahabad Fort

Answer: Gwalior Fort

The earliest known Pahari paintings are from (a) Basholi

(b) Chamba

(c) Guler

(d) Kangra

Answer: Kangra

The coins of which of the following reveal their love for music ? (a) Chalukyas

(b) Cholas

(c) Guptas

(d) Mauryas

Answer: Guptas

The Buddhist sculpture and art is found at (a) Kanchi

(b) Vijayanagar

(c) Amravati

(d) Mahabalipuram

Answer: Kanchi

Mughal architecture reveals a blending of (a) Turkish and Persian styles

- (b) Timurid and Indian styles
  - (c) Turkish and Afghan styles
  - (d) Indian and Persian styles
- Answer

The most famous musician at the court of Akbar was Tansen. His original name was (a) Ramatanu Pande

- (b) Lal Kalwant
- (c) Baz Bahadur
- (d) Makaranda Pande

Answer: Ramatanu Pande

The existing specimens of Ashoka's monuments may be grouped under three heads. Which is not one of the categories ? (a) Monolithic sandstone pillars

- (b) Stupas
- (c) Caves with highly polished walls
- (d) Viharas

Answer: Viharas

Which art did Jahangir mainly patronise ? (a) Music

- (b) Paintings
- (c) Sculpture
- (d) Architecture

Answer: Paintings

What was the raw material that was generally used in Akbar's time ? (a) Red Stone

- (b) None of these
- (c) Brick
- (d) Marble

Answer: Red Stone

Which of the following is an architectural achievement of the Chandellas ? (a) Sun Temple, Modhera

- (b) Rock-cut caves at Mahabalipuram
- (c) Temples at Khajuraho

- (d) Sun Temple, Konark

Answer: Temples at Khajuraho

Who built the Tower of Victory (Vijay Stambha) in the Chittor fort ?(a) Rana Khumba

- (b) Rana Ratan Singh  
(c) Rana Sanga  
(d) Rana Hamir Deva

Answer: Rana Khumba

Which of the following is similar to the Taj Mahal in construction ? (a) Humayun's tomb

- (b) Bibi-ka-maqbara  
(c) Akbar's tomb  
(d) Jahangir's tomb

Answer: Humayun's tomb

Purana Qila was constructed during the reign of(a) Jahangir

- (b) Sher Shah  
(c) Humayun  
(d) Akbar

Answer: Sher Shah

The temple of Angkorvat is in (a) Laos

- (b) Vietnam  
(c) Myanmar  
(d) Cambodia

Answer: Cambodia

Graeco-Roman influence in Indian art is found at(a) Sanchi

- (b) Bharhut  
(c) Gandhara  
(d) Bodh Gaya

Answer: Sanchi

The Hathigumpha inscription is found in(a) Nasik (Maharashtra)

- (b) Halebid (Karnataka)
- (c) Kakatiya (Andhra Pradesh)
- (d) Udayagiri (Cuttack)

Answer: Udayagiri (Cuttack)

The tomb of Babar is at(a) Sikandra

- (b) Kabul
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Sasaram

Answer: Kabul

The most famous interpolation made by the Brahmins was the addition of Bhagvad Gita to (a) Vedas

- (b) Puranas
- (c) Upanishads
- (d) Mahabharat

Answer: Mahabharat

Taxila was a famous site of(a) Mauryan Art

- (b) Gupta Art
- (c) Gandhara Art
- (d) Early Vedic Art

Answer; Gandhara Art

The Vimana style in temple architecture came into vogue during the reign of (a) Cholas

- (b) Rashtrakutas
- (c) Mauryas
- (d) Guptas

Answer: Cholas

In Mughal paintings, one notices the adoption of the principle of foreshortening whereby near and distant people and things could be placed in perspective. This was due to the influence of(a) British



- (b) Spanish
- (c) Dutch
- (d) Portuguese

Answer: Portuguese

The two colossal images of the Buddha at Bamiyan are works of (a) The Maurya Art

- (b) The early Mathura school of Art
- (c) The Gandhara Art
- (d) The Gupta Art

Answer: The Gupta Art

Qutab Minar was built by (a) Razia Sultan

- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Qutb-ud-din Aibak
- (d) Iltutmish

Answer: Qutb-ud-din Aibak

Bronze coins of Nataraja cast during the Chola period invariably show the deity with (a) Eight hands

- (b) Six hands
- (c) Two hands
- (d) Four hands

Answer: Six hands

Ajanta paintings are the finest specimens of (a) Rock engravings

- (b) Rajasthani miniature paintings
- (c) Persian art
- (d) Indian cave paintings

Answer: Rajasthani miniature paintings

The paintings in the Ajanta and Ellora Caves are indicative of development of art under the (a) Pallavas

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Pandyas
- (d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: Rashtrakutas

The buildings constructed by which Mughal ruler represent the climax in the evolution of Mughal architecture ?(a) Akbar

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Jehangir
- (d) Shahjahan

Answer: Shahjahan

Who among the following Gupta rulers was a poet and a musician and was adorned with the title of Kaviraja or King of poets ?(a) None of these

- (b) Samudragupta
- (c) Chandragupta I
- (d) Skandagupta

Answer: Samudragupta

The new element of Gopuram was encouraged in temples of South India by(a) Pandyas

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Pandyas

Which of the following was built by Rashtrakutas ?  
(a) Siva temple of Ellora

- (b) Channakeshava temple of Betur
- (c) Kailasha temple of Mahabalipuram
- (d) Surya temple of Konark

Answer: Siva temple of Ellora

Of all the great powers that made the history of South India, none had a more marked effect on the architecture of this region than the earliest of all. This observation refers to(a) Cholas

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Answer: Pallavas

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- (d) Taj Mahal

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- (b) Temple at Gangaikonda Cholapuram
- (c) Kailashanatha temple at Kanchipuram
- (d) Brihadisvara temple at Thanjaur

Answer: Brihadisvara temple at Thanjaur Biwi Ka Maqbara is the tomb of (a) Nurjahan

- (b) Mumtaz Mahal
- (c) Humayun's sister
- (d) Aurangzeb's wife

Answer: Mumtaz Mahal

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- (b) Lahore
- (c) Agra
- (d) Fatehpur Sikri

Answer: Fatehpur Sikri

Who built the mausoleum of Jahangir and where? (a) Nur Jahan at Lahore

- (b) Nur Jahan at Fatehpur Sikri
- (c) Shahjahan at Agra
- (d) Shahjahan at Delhi

Answer: Nur Jahan at Lahore

The city of Agra was founded by (a) Ibrahim Lodi

- (b) Firuz Tughlaq
- (c) Sikandar Lodi

(d) Rana Sanga

Answer: Sikandar Lodi

An overwhelming majority of the images at Ajanta are those of (a) Buddha

(b) Durga

(c) Siva

(d) Vishnu

Answer: Buddha

The largest grant of villages to temples and brahmana was given by the ruling dynasty known as (a) Pratiharas

(b) The Guptas

(c) The Palas

(d) Rashtrakutas

Answer: The Guptas

Which of the following Indian kings excelled in art and music ? (a) Harshavardhana

(b) Kanishka

(c) Samudragupta

(d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Samudragupta

Which Sultans added the Alai Darwaza to the Qutab Minar ? (a) Alauddin Khilji

(b) Iltutmish

(c) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

(d) Firoz Tughlaq

Answer: Alauddin Khilji

The use of Kharoshti in ancient Indian architecture is the result of India's contact with (a) Iran

(b) Central Asia

(c) Greece

(d) China

Answer: Greece



The rock-cut caves at Elephanta belong to the period of(a) Rashtrakutas

- (b) Vakatakas
- (c) Satavahanas
- (d) Chalukyas

Answer: Chalukyas

The Kailashanath Temple at Ellora was excavated at the instance of(a) Govinda III

- (b) Amoghavarsha I
- (c) Krishna I
- (d) Krishna II

Answer: Krishna I

The material used in Mathura school of art is (a) Slate

- (b) Red sandstone
- (c) Granite
- (d) White marble

Answer: Red sandstone

Which one of the following monuments has a dome which is said to be one of the largest in the world

?(a) Jama Masjid, Delhi

- (b) Tomb of Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq, Delhi
- (c) Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur
- (d) Tomb of Sher Shah, Sasaram

Answer: Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur

The Mughal school of painting formed the spinal column of the various schools of Indian miniature art.

Which of the following painting styles was not affected by Mughal Painting ?(a) Kangra

- (b) Kalighata
- (c) Rajasthani
- (d) Pahari

Answer: Kangra

Most of the buildings of Fatehpur Sikri are built with

(a) Red sandstone

(b) Marble

(c) Brick

(d) Limestone

Answer: Red sandstone

Which of the following is not true about Ajanta Caves ? (a) They are in Maharashtra.

(b) They do not have paintings of flora and fauna.

(c) They are decorated with Buddhist art.

(d) They depict the techniques used in ancient India.

Answer: They depict the techniques used in ancient India.

On the wall of which of the following buildings built by Shah Jahan, the Persian couplet If there is a paradise on earth, it is this, it is this, it is this is inscribed ?(a) Moti Masjid

(b) Diwani-e-Am, Delhi

(c) Jasmine Palace

(d) Diwani-i-Khas, Delhi

Answer: Diwani-i-Khas, Delhi

The Rathas at Mahabalipuram are(a) Monolithic structures

(b) All the above

(c) Square or rectangular

(d) Eight in number

Answer: All the above

Arhai-Din-Ka Jhopra built by Qutuddin Aibak is located in (a) Badayun

(b) Kalinjas

(c) Ajmer

(d) Delhi

Answer: Ajmer

Tansen, the greatest musician of Akbar's court, belonged to (a) Delhi

- (b) Kanauj
- (c) Agra
- (d) Gwalior

Answer: Gwalior

History: Cultural History- Literature & Science

The famous book Geet Govind was written by (a) Banabhatta

- (b) Jayadev
- (c) Mirabai
- (d) Kalidas

Answer: Jayadev

Kalidasa lived during the reign of (a) Chandragupta II

- (b) Chandragupta II
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Ashoka, the Great

Answer: Chandragupta II

Which of the following works of kalidasa is not a play ? (a) Vikramorvasiya

- (b) Malavikagnimitra
- (c) Meghadoot
- (d) Abhijnana Shakuntalam

Answer: Meghadoot

The Panchatantra was written during the (a) Sultanate period

- (b) Gupta period
- (c) Maurya period
- (d) Later Vedic period

Answer: Maurya period

The famous epic Mahabharata was written by(a)  
Valmiki

- (b) Bhavabhuti
- (c) Patanjali
- (d) Ved Vyas

Answer: Ved Vyas

Aryabhatta was a famous(a) Scientist

- (b) Painter
- (c) Astronomer
- (d) Physician

Answer: Astronomer

Who among the following was a lexicographer?(a)  
Banabhatta

- (b) Panini
- (c) Dandin
- (d) Amarasimha

Answer: Amarasimha

Who is author of Ashtadhyayi? (a) Charak

- (b) Aryabhatta
- (c) Vishnu Sharma
- (d) Panini

Answer: Panini

Names of sixteen Mahajanapadas were found in(a)  
Anguttara Nikaya

- (b) Harshacharita
- (c) Indica
- (d) Kalpa Sutra

Answer: Anguttara Nikaya Harsha wrote(a)  
Kadambari

- (b) Meghasandesam
- (c) Ratnavali
- (d) Raghuvamsa

Answer: Ratnavali

Mitakshara, an authoritative treatise on Hindu law, was written by(a) Vigneswara

- (b) Manu
- (c) Jimutavahana
- (d) Hemadri

Answer: Vigneswara

Kalhan's Rajatarangini is a history of (a) Kashmir

- (b) Chandragupta's reign
- (c) Harsha's reign
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: Kashmir

Who among the following is the author of the book Yogasutra?(a) Manu

- (b) Visvamisra
- (c) Vasishtha
- (d) Patanjali

Answer: Patanjali

The Shahnama was written by(a) Abul Fazal

- (b) Firdausi
- (c) Alberuni
- (d) Amir Khusrao

Answer: Firdausi

The great scholar, Banabhatta, lived during the reign of (a) Chandragupta II

- (b) Ashoka
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Harsha

Answer: Harsha

Which of the following is an ancient Indian work relating to prayer and sacrificial ceremony ? (a)

Brahmanas



- (b) Aranyakas
- (c) Amarakosa
- (d) Vajasaneyi Samhita

Answer: Brahamanas

Padmavat of Malik Muhammad Jaisi, a notable work in Hindi, was completed during the reign of (a) Akbar

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Sher Shah
- (d) Babar

Answer: Sher Shah

The poet Harisena was the courtier of (a) Lakshmana Sena

- (b) Chandragupta
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Skandagupta

Answer: Samudragupta

All the following literary works are traditionally ascribed to personages who lived in the Maurya period, except (a) Mrichchhakatika

- (b) Kalpasutra of Bhadrabahu
- (c) Kautilya's Arthashastra
- (d) Katha Vathu

Answer: Mrichchhakatika

Which is not a Vedic text ? (a) The Smritis

- (b) The Upanishads
- (c) The Brahmanas
- (d) The Angas

Answer: The Angas

Tulsidas wrote Ramcharitamanas during the reign of (a) Rama Raya

- (b) Krishnadeva Raya
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Jehangir

Answer: Akbar

In which of the following modern states Asokan inscriptions are not found ? (a) Tamil Nadu

- (b) Orissa
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Who among the following saints wrote Bijak?(a) Tulsidas

- (b) Guru Arjun
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Ramdas

Answer: Kabir

Matta Vilasa Prahansa was written during the period of (a) None of these

- (b) Pallavas
- (c) Sangam
- (d) Later Pandayas

Answer: Pallavas

The account of Babur's life was written in (a) Turki

- (b) Arabic
- (c) Urdu
- (d) Persian

Answer: Turki

Mahabharata is also known as (a) Chhandogya

- (b) Vijay-pitaka
- (c) Katha Vatthu
- (d) Jayanama-Itihasa

Answer: Jayanama-Itihasa

The Head of the University of Nalanda was the great Bengali scholar (a) Sheelabhadra

- (b) Shreejnan Atisha

(c) Basubandhu

(d) Nagarjuna

Answer: Sheelabhadra

Tahqiq - I - Hind, a famous literary work, was written by (a) Minhaj-us-Siraj

(b) Alberuni

(c) Badauni

(d) Nizam-ud-din-Ahmad

Answer: Alberuni

Of the following, the oldest Sanskrit poet, whose composition still remains in original classical style, is (a) Bhavabhuti

(b) Dandin

(c) Ashvaghosa

(d) Kalidasa

Answer: Ashvaghosa

The most outstanding feature of Babar's memoirs (Tuzuk-i-Baburi) is its (a) Literary value

(b) Authentic record

(c) Candidness in description

(d) Large volume

Answer: Candidness in description

Who among the following ladies wrote a historical account during the Mughal Period ? (a) Gulbadan Begam

(b) Zebun-nissa Begam

(c) Nurjahan Begam

(d) Jahanara Begam

Answer: Gulbadan Begam

The first major work in the development of Marathi literature, was done by (a) Sant Dhyaneswar

(b) Sant Namdev

(c) Yogi Mukundraaj

(d) Sant Ramdas

Answer: Sant Namdev

Who among the following literary figures of the Gupta Age is given the title of Indian Shakespeare? (a)

Bharavi

(b) Kalidasa

(c) Harisena

(d) Vishakhadatta

Answer: Kalidasa

In which of the following inscriptions is Ashoka mentioned by name ? (a) Bairat inscription

(b) None of these

(c) Major Rock Edict at Girnar

(d) Lamghan inscription

Answer: Bairat inscription Kadambari was written by (a) Harsha

(b) Bana

(c) Kalidasa

(d) Kautilya

Answer: Bana

The famous poet in the court of Alauddin Khilji was (a) Barauni

(b) Sadi

(c) Badre Chach

(d) Amir Khusrau

Answer: Amir Khusrau

Sangam literature is (a) Early Tamil literature attributed to the first three centuries of the Christian era.

(b) Sanskrit works of Puranic nature dealing with the sanctity of the place where there is confluence of rivers in Prayaga.

(c) Classical Sanskrit literature patronised by the Guptas.

(d) Pali literature dealing with the history of the Buddhist sanghas.

Answer: Early Tamil literature attributed to the first three centuries of the Christian era.

Who recast the original single Veda into four Vedas ?

(a) None of these

(b) Vyas

(c) Patanjali

(d) Shankaracharya

Answer: Vyas

The Buddhist religious literature produced during the Mauryan period was in (a) Ardhamagadhi

(b) Pali

(c) Sanskrit

(d) Prakrit

Answer: Prakrit

Dhanvantri, a renowned physician of ancient India, adorned the court of (a) Kanishka

(b) Ashoka

(c) Samudragupta

(d) Chandragupta Vikramaditya

Answer: Chandragupta Vikramaditya

The literature of the Sangam Age was written mostly in the form of (a) Drama

(b) All the above

(c) Poetry

(d) Prose

Answer: Poetry

In the beginning, Jain texts were originally written in (a) Pali

(b) None of these

(c) Sanskrit

(d) Prakrit



Answer: Prakrit

History: Invansions, wars and travellers

The immediate cause of invasion of Ahmad Shah Abdali on India was (a) He was attracted by its wealth.

(b) He was invited by Shah Nawaz Khan.

(c) He had a strong army.

(d) The Indian rulers were weak.

Answer: The Indian rulers were weak.

The invasion of Huns first took place during the rule of (a) Gupta

(b) Kushans

(c) Mauryas

(d) Nandas

Answer: Gupta

The First Battle of Panipat was fought in the year (a) 1764 (b) 1776

(c) 1526

(d) 1527

Answer: 1526

Fahien came to India during the reign of (a) Chandragupta Vikramaditya

(b) Ashoka

(c) Harshavardhana

(d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Vikramaditya

The Second Battle of Panipat was fought during the reign of (a) Humayun

(b) Aurangzeb

(c) Akbar

(d) Babar

Answer: Akbar

Alberuni came to India with (a) Alexander

- (b) Timur
- (c) Babur
- (d) Mahmud of Ghazni

Answer: Mahmud of Ghazni

Who looted the temple of Somnath ?(a) Mohammad Ghori

- (b) Nadir Shah
- (c) Mahmood of Ghazni
- (d) Changhiz Khan

Answer: Mahmood of Ghazni

The historical source attributed to Megasthenes is(a) Indica

- (b) The Periplus of the Erythrean Sea
- (c) Naturalis Historia
- (d) Geography

Answer: Indica

Changiz Khan invaded India during the rule of (a) Balban

- (b) Ala-ud-din Khilji
- (c) Iltutmish
- (d) Qutubuddin Aibak

Answer: Iltutmish

The first to invade India out of the following were(a) Turks

- (b) Mongols
- (c) Arabs
- (d) Afghans

Answer: Arabs

Black Hole Episode was the main cause of(a) Battle of Wandiwash

- (b) Battle of Haldighati
- (c) Battle of Plassey

(d) Battle of Buxar

Answer: Battle of Plassey

Who among the following scholars was the first to visit India ?(a) Ibn- Batutah

(b) Marco Polo

(c) Fa-Hien

(d) Hiuen Tsang

Answer: Fa-Hien

Hiuen Tsang, the Chinese pilgrim, visited India during the reign of(a) Ashoka

(b) Harshavardhana

(c) Chandragupta I

(d) Kanishka

Answer: Harshavardhana

The Battle of Talikota was fought in the year (a) 1586

(b) 1565

(c) 1526

(d) 1576

Answer: 1565

The first Muslim invasion of India was led by(a) Mahmud Ghazni

(b) Timur Lane

(c) Muhammad Ghor

(d) Muhammad bin Kasim

Answer: Muhammad bin Kasim

The term Macedonia's Madman referred to(a) Xerxes

(b) Darius

(c) Alexander

(d) Philip II

Answer: Alexander

The Third Battle of Panipat was fought between (a) Marathas and Britishers

- (b) Rajputs and Britishers
- (c) Marathas and Rajputs
- (d) Marathas and Afghans

Answer: Marathas and Afghans

The Battle of Kanwah was fought between (a) Babar and Rana Sangha

- (b) Akbar and Rana Sangram Singh
- (c) Babar and Hemu
- (d) Akbar and Rana Pratap

Answer: Babar and Rana Sangha

Which of the following statements is incorrect in regard to Battle of Buxar ? (a) Mir Kasim was routed at the Battle of Buxar

- (b) None of these
- (c) The battle was fought in 1863.
- (d) British took over the administration of Bengal after the battle.

Answer: The battle was fought in 1863.

Chengez Khan was a(a) Mongol

- (b) None of these
- (c) Turk
- (d) Persian

Answer: Mongol

Akbar defeated Rana Pratap in the Battle of Haldighati in the year (a) 1596 (b) 1576

- (c) 1570
- (d) 1588

Answer: 1576

Mahmud of Ghazni attacked India mainly(a) To spread Islam in India

- (b) To take the famous artisans of India to his court
- (c) To plunder the wealth of India

(d) To establish his empire in India

Answer: To plunder the wealth of India

Ibn - Batutah visited India during the reign of Sultan

(a) Muhammad Tughlaq

(b) Sikander Lodhi

(c) Ala-ud-din Khilji

(d) Feroz Tughlaq

Answer: Muhammad Tughlaq

Which of the following is correctly matched ? (a) Battle of Wandiwash - Akbar and English forces

(b) Battle of Tarain - Prithviraj Chauhan and Mohammed Ghori

(c) Battle of Panipat - Babur and Rana Sanga

(d) Battle of Kanwah - Humayun and Sher Shah

Answer: Battle of Tarain - Prithviraj Chauhan and Mohammed Ghori The Third Battle of Panipat was fought in the year (a) 1739

(b) 1757

(c) 1761

(d) 1707

Answer: 1761

Nadir Shah invaded India during the reign of (a) Bahadur Shah

(b) Farrukhsiyar

(c) Muhammed Shah

(d) Shah Alam

Answer: Muhammed Shah

Which of the following battles was fought in 1192 A.D.? (a) Second Battle of Tarain

(b) Battle of Kanwah

(c) First Battle of Tarain

(d) Battle of Talikota



Answer; Second Battle of Tarain

India's famous Peacock Throne and the diamond koh-e-Noor were taken away by (a) Ahmad Shah Abdali

- (b) Robert Clive
- (c) Mohammad Ghorī
- (d) Nadir Shah

Answer: Nadir Shah

Ashoka, the Great conquered Kalinga in the year (a) 261 A.D.

- (b) 78 A.D.
- (c) 261 B.C.
- (d) 58 B.C.

Answer: 261 B.C.

Chinese pilgrim Fahien visited India in (a) 5th century

- (b) 7th century
- (c) 4th century
- (d) 6th century

Answer: 5th century

The Battle of Plassey was fought in the year (a) 1761

- (b) 1775
- (c) 1757
- (d) 1576

Answer: 1757

The Second Battle of Panipat was fought between (a) Akbar and Hemu

- (b) Clive and Siraj-ud-Daula
- (c) Babar and Rana Sanga
- (d) Ahmad Shah Abdali and Marathas

Answer: Akbar and Hemu

The first Hun invasion took place during the reign of (a) Yasodharman

- (b) Kanishka
- (c) Skandagupta
- (d) Samudragupta

Answer: Yasodharman

Porus was defeated by Alexander at the Battle of????

- (a) Herat
- (b) Kabul
- (c) Hydaspes
- (d) Buxar

Answer: Hydaspes

India was invaded by Timur Lung in(a) 1335 (b) 1389

- (c) 1385
- (d) 1398

Answer: 1398

Alberuni , the famous historian came to India in the  
(a) 9th century A.D.

- (b) 16th century A.D.
- (c) 12th century A.D.
- (d) 10th century A.D.

Answer: 10th century A.D.

The First Battle of Panipat was fought between (a)  
Humayun and Sher Shah Suri

- (b) Babar and Ibrahim Lodhi
- (c) Akbar and Hemu
- (d) Hemu and Babar

Answer: Babar and Ibrahim Lodhi

The main purpose of Fahien's visit to India was to(a)  
Study Indian art and music

- (b) Find out an easy land route for trade with India
- (c) Visit Buddhist monasteries and record their history and condition

(d) Study the administrative system of Gupta rulers

Answer: Visit Buddhist monasteries and record their history and condition  
Mongols intruded into India for the first time during the reign of (a) Balban

(b) Firoz Shah Tughlaq

(c) Iltutmish

(d) Alauddin Khilji

Answer: Iltutmish

The Second Battle of Panipat was fought in (a) 1456

(b) 1556

(c) 1526

(d) 1761

Answer: 1556

Megasthenes was the Ambassador of (a) The Persians

(b) Seleucus Nikator

(c) Alexander

(d) Darius

Answer: Seleucus Nikator

The treaty of Purandhar was signed in 1665 with Shivaji by which soldier statesman ? (a) Shaista Khan

(b) Raja Jay Singh

(c) Raja Jaswant Singh

(d) Afzal Khan

Answer: Raja Jay Singh

History: Marathas and Coming up Europeans

Which of the following was the main function of the Peshwa under Shivaji's administration ? (a) He advised the king about foreign affairs.

(b) He was in charge of all public finance and accounts of the kingdom

(c) He was to fix dates for religious ceremonies

(d) He was to look after the general interest and welfare of the state

Answer; He was to look after the general interest and welfare of the state

When did Vasco Da Gama come to India ? (a) 1498 (b) 1542

(c) 1492

(d) 1398

Answer: 1498

The Maratha Chief, Sambhaji, was executed during the reign of (a) Aurangzeb

(b) Mahabat Khan

(c) Jehangir

(d) Shahjahan

Answer: Aurangzeb

What was the capital of Shivaji's kingdom ? (a) Raigarh

(b) Karwar

(c) Pune

(d) Purandhar

Answer: Raigarh

Goa was captured by the Portuguese in (a) 1510 A.D. (b) 1610 A.D.

(c) 1470 A.D.

(d) 1570 A.D.

Answer: 1510 A.D.

The beginning of the British political sway over India can be traced to the battle of (a) Panipat

(b) Plassey

(c) Buxar

(d) Wandiwash

Answer: Plassey

Who was the ruler of an Indian state who allied himself with the French ? (a) Nizam-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah

- (b) Saadat Khan
- (c) Alivardi Khan
- (d) Tipu Sultan

Answer: Tipu Sultan

The final defeat of the Maratha confederacy came during the time of (a) Wellesley

- (b) Cornwallis
- (c) Minto
- (d) Hastings

Answer: Hastings

The Finance Minister under Shivaji was (a) Mantri

- (b) Samanta
- (c) Pandit Rao
- (d) Amatya

Answer: Amatya

The Maratha power reached the zenith of its glory during the reign of (a) Shivaji

- (b) Baji Rao II
- (c) Balaji Vishwanath
- (d) Balaji Baji Rao

Answer: Balaji Baji Rao

Who among the following rulers belonged to the Holkar dynasty ? (a) Ahalyabai

- (b) Shivaji
- (c) Tukoji
- (d) Prithviraj

Answer: Tukoji

When the East India Company came into existence, England was ruled by the (a) Stuarts

- (b) Normans
- (c) Tudors



- (d) Hanovarians

Answer: Stuarts

The Dutch first established their hold in India in 1605 at (a) Gujrat

- (b) Surat  
(c) Masulipatnam  
(d) Goa

Answer: Masulipatnam

The first Europeans to come to India were (a) Dutch

- (b) French  
(c) Portuguese  
(d) British

Answer: Portuguese

Who laid the foundation of Portuguese power in India ? (a) None of these

- (b) Affonso De Albuquerque  
(c) Vasco da Gama  
(d) Bartholomew Dias

Answer: Affonso De Albuquerque

The tax collected by Marathas was known as (a) Chauth

- (b) Pilgrim Tax  
(c) Jazia  
(d) Sardeshmukhi

Answer: Chauth

Which of the following statements about Hyder Ali is incorrect ? (a) He was defeated at Porto Novo in 1781

- (b) He made a coalition with Nizam and Maratha against the English in the Second Anglo Mysore war.  
(c) He was a man of great determination  
(d) He was a great scholar

Answer: He was a great scholar

Which of the following is not true about Hyder Ali ?

- (a) He was a tactful general
- (b) He was an able administrator
- (c) He was a profound scholar
- (d) Mysore under him was a cause of anxiety for British

Answer: He was a profound scholar

Bombay was taken by the English East India Company from (a) Charles I

- (b) The Dutch
- (c) Charles II
- (d) The Portuguese

Answer: Charles II

The immediate successors of Shivaji's descendants who came to power in the Maratha Kingdom, were in (a) Bhonsles

- (b) Gaekwards
- (c) Holkars
- (d) Peshwas

Answer: Peshwas

Tipu Sultan was defeated in Third Mysore War in 1790 by (a) Lord Cornwallis

- (b) Sir John Macpherson
- (c) John Shore
- (d) Warren Hastings

Answer: Lord Cornwallis

Who among the following is known for his introduction of a new calendar, a new system of coinage and new scales of weight and measures ? (a) Nizam-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah

- (b) Saadat Khan Burhan-ul-Mulk
- (c) Tipu Sultan
- (d) Murshid Quli Khan

Answer: Tipu Sultan

The Maratha Kingdom was founded by Shivaji during the reign of (a) Shahjehan

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Aurangzeb

The Maratha power reached its zenith during the Peshwaship of (a) Narayan Rao

- (b) Madhav Rao I
- (c) Bajirao I
- (d) Balaji II

Answer: Balaji II

Which was not one of the regions in which the English first set up trading posts ? (a) Coromandel Coast

- (b) Goa
- (c) Bengal
- (d) Gujrat

Answer: Goa

Who succeeded Mir Jafar ? (a) Haider Ali

- (b) Tipu Sultan
- (c) Chanda Sahib
- (d) Mir Kasim

Answer: Mir Kasim

Who among the following Maratha Generals restored Maratha control over the imperial Mughal government in Delhi in 1784 ? (a) Visaji Krishna

- (b) Mahadji Sindhia
- (c) Tukoji Holkar
- (d) Raghunath Rao

Answer: Mahadji Sindhia

In 1757, Siraj-ud-Daula was defeated by (a) Cornwallis

- (b) Clive
- (c) Canning
- (d) Hastings

Answer: Clive

The Peshwa became the official head of Maratha administration in the year (a) 1748 A.D

- (b) 1742 A.D
- (c) 1730 A.D
- (d) 1736 A.D

Answer: 1748 A.D

Albuquerque captured Goa from the ruler of (a) Vijaynagar

- (b) Bijapur
- (c) Golconda
- (d) Ahmednagar

Answer: Bijapur

Which of the following Peshwa preached the ideal of Hindu- Padpadshahi ? (a) Baji Rao I

- (b) Madhav Rao II
- (c) Balaji Vishwanath
- (d) Baji Rao II

Answer: Baji Rao I

Who amongst the British Generals defeated Peshwa Baji Rao II ? (a) Outram

- (b) Kitchener
- (c) Elphinstone
- (d) Malcolm

Answer: Malcolm

Which Indian King requested Napoleon for help to drive the British from India ? (a) Rani of Jhansi

- (b) Shivaji
- (c) Jai Singh

(d) Tipu Sultan

Answer: Tipu Sultan

Which body guard of Shivaji accompanied him during his famous escape bid from Afzal Khan ? (a) Dev Nath

(b) Shambhuji Kavji

(c) Gopi Nath

(d) Sonaji Pant

Answer: Shambhuji Kavji

Who succeeded Siraj-ud-Daula as Nawab of Bengal after the Battle of Plassey ? (a) Aliwardi Khan

(b) Shuja-ud-daulah

(c) Mir Kasim

(d) Mir Jafar

Answer: Mir Jafar

Tipu Sultan Ruled from (a) Mysore

(b) Belur

(c) Halebid

(d) Srirangapatnam

Answer: Srirangapatnam

Goa was first colonised by (a) Portuguese

(b) English

(c) French

(d) Dutch

Answer: Portuguese

The East India Company received the zamindari of the 24 parganas from (a) Mir Jafar

(b) Chanda Sahib

(c) Mir Qasim

(d) Siraj-ud-Daulah

Answer: Chanda Sahib

Which one of the following is not correctly paired ?

(a) Gaekwad-Baroda



- (b) Scindhia-Gwalior
- (c) Bhonsle-Indore
- (d) Peshwa-Poona

Answer: Bhonsle-Indore

Tranquebar on the Tamil Nadu coast was a colonial outpost of the (a) Portuguese

- (b) Danish
- (c) Dutch
- (d) French

Answer: French

Which of the following countries did not attempt to establish trading centres at India ? (a) Portuguese

- (b) England
- (c) France
- (d) Italy

Answer: Italy

In 1498, Vasco da Gama landed at (a) Bombay

- (b) Goa
- (c) Cochin
- (d) Calicut

Answer: Calicut

Which of the following pairs is correctly matched ?

- (a) Battle of Buxar - Mir Jafar vs Clive
- (b) Battle of Kharda - Nizam vs East India Company
- (c) Battle of Chilianwala - Dalhousie vs Marathas
- (d) Battle of Wandiwash - French vs East India Company

Answer: Battle of Wandiwash - French vs East India Company  
Shivaji was crowned as an independent king at (a) Poona

- (b) Singhagarh

- (c) Surat
- (d) Raigarh

Answer: Raigarh

Shivaji was known as a nation-builder and a great administrator. Yet, who among the following could not understand it and played into the hands of Farrukhsiyar ? (a) Baji Rao II

- (b) Parashram Srinivas
- (c) Sambhaji
- (d) Shahu

Answer: Shahu

History: Miscellaneous

Which of the following rulers died while playing Changan? (a) Sher Shah

- (b) Jalal-ud-din-Khilji
- (c) Qutab-ud-din Aibak
- (d) Balban

Answer: Qutab-ud-din Aibak

The ancient name of the city of Patna is (a) Kausambi

- (b) Kapilavastu
- (c) Kanauj
- (d) Pataliputra

Answer: Pataliputra

Who was the ruler of medieval India who is credited with the construction of Grand Trunk Road ? (a)

Babur

- (b) Krishnadeva Raya
- (c) Jehangir
- (d) Sher Shah Suri

Answer: Sher Shah Suri

Which of the following were the contemporaries of Kanishka ? (a) Kambar, Banabhatt, Asvaghosha

- (b) Asvagosha and Kambar
- (c) Asvagosha, Kalidas, Nagarjuna
- (d) Nagarjuna, Asvaghosha, Vasumitra

Answer: Nagarjuna, Asvaghosha, Vasumitra  
Rudradaman was one of the greatest(a) Maurya rulers

- (b) Pallavas rulers
- (c) Saka rulers
- (d) Kushan rulers

Answer: Pallavas rulers

In whose rule was Islam as the state religion abolished ? (a) Balban

- (b) Ghias-ud-din Tughlaq
- (c) Ibrahim Lodi
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

Bernier visited India during the reign of(a) Jahangir

- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Aurangzeb
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Aurangzeb

Which is not the name of Kautilya ? (a) Chanakya

- (b) Dramidacharya
- (c) Vishnugupta
- (d) Devaputra

Answer: Devaputra

Gradual decline of towns was an important feature of the(a) Gupta period

- (b) Rashtrakuta Khilji
- (c) Satavahana age
- (d) Pratihara age

Answer: Gupta period

Who is regarded as the greatest law giver of ancient India ? (a) Manu

- (b) Patanjali
- (c) Kautilya
- (d) Panini

Answer: Manu

Which Muslim emperor was attracted by the beauty of Queen Padmini ? (a) Humayun

- (b) Akbar
- (c) Alauddin Khilji
- (d) Babar

Answer: Alauddin Khilji

Saranjami system was an important feature of (a) None of these

- (b) Maratha revenue system
- (c) Taluqdari system
- (d) Administration of the Qutub Shahis

Answer: Maratha revenue system

Which of the following is wrongly matched ? (a) Chandragupta - Kautilya

- (b) Harshavardhana - Chaitanya
- (c) Vikramaditya - Chaitanya
- (d) Akbar - Todar Mal

Answer: Vikramaditya - Chaitanya

The Kalachuri era counted from A.D. 248 was mostly current in (a) Kashmir

- (b) Bengal
- (c) Central India
- (d) Andhra

Answer: Andhra

The Hijra era is counted from (a) 1526 A.D.

- (b) 622 A.D.
- (c) 632 A.D.

(d) 712 A.D.

Answer: 622 A.D.

The ancient name of Bengal was(a) Vatsa

(b) Kamarupa

(c) Gauda

(d) Matsya

Answer: Gauda

The capital of the ancient Vrijian state was(a) Ujjain

(b) Vaishali

(c) Pataliputra

(d) Ayodhya

Answer: Vaishali

Who among the following is most famous for building a large number of canals for irrigation ? (a) Akbar

(b) Shahjahan

(c) Firuz Shah Tughlaq

(d) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

Answer: Firuz Shah Tughlaq

Akbar founded his own religion known as Din-i-Ilahi which means(a) Divine Faith

(b) None of these

(c) House of Worship

(d) Universal peace

Answer: Divine Faith

The first Indian ruler to organise Haj pilgrimage at the expense of the state was(a) Aurangzeb

(b) Akbar

(c) Alauddin Khilji

(d) Feroz Tughlaq

Answer: Akbar

Who was the first Sultan of Delhi to introduce the practice of Sijda?(a) Balban



- (b) Muhammad Tughlaq
- (c) Firoz Tughlaq
- (d) Alauddin Khilji

Answer: Balban

Gujarat was traditionally known as(a) Telangana

- (b) Saurashtra
- (c) Konkan
- (d) Rann of Kutch

Answer: Saurashtra

Pushyabhuti dynasty ruled over(a) Thaneshwar

- (b) Sakal
- (c) Pataliputra
- (d) Ujjain

Answer: Thaneshwar

Who amongst the following lost his kingdom in Hindustan but retrieved it after about 15 years in exile

?(a) Ala-ud-din Khilji

- (b) Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Firuz Shah Tughlaq

Answer: Humayun

Who was the first ruler to annex any part of the Deccan to the Mughal empire ?(a) Jahangir

- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Humayun
- (d) Akbar

Answer: Akbar

Charaka was the court physician of(a) Ashoka

- (b) Harshavardhana
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Kanishka

The chief centre of Indo - Roman trade was(a) Arikamedu

- (b) Muziris
- (c) Alexander
- (d) Madurai

Answer: Alexander

The first metallic coin used in India, (first by Indo-Greeks) was in(a) Bihar and eastern U.P.

- (b) Western India
- (c) Central India
- (d) South India

Answer: Bihar and eastern U.P. Sanchi is famous for (a) Cave paintings

- (b) The rock edicts of Ashoka
- (c) The largest Buddhist Stupa
- (d) Rock- cut temples

Answer: The largest Buddhist Stupa

Before ascending the Maurya throne, Ashoka served as a Viceroy of (a) Taxila

- (b) Kaushambi
- (c) Pataliputra
- (d) Tosali

Answer: Taxila

The Nagara, the Dravida and the Vesara are(a) The three main linguistic divisions of India

- (b) The three main racial groups of Indian sub-continent
- (c) The three main styles of Indian temple architecture
- (d) The three main musical gharanas as prevalent in India.

Answer: The three main styles of Indian temple architecture

Ahmad Shah built the capital city of Ahmedabad on the site of the old town of (a) Idar

- (b) Sidhpur
- (c) Asawal
- (d) Sabarmati

Answer: Asawal

Who was the founder of the Nanda dynasty ?(a) Ashoka Nanda

- (b) None of these
- (c) Mahapadma Nanda
- (d) Dhana Nanda

Answer: Mahapadma Nanda

Which of the later Guptas assumed the imperial title of Maharajadhiraja and performed the horse sacrifice to show his strenght ?(a) Kumaragupta III

- (b) Kamarupa
- (c) Adityasena
- (d) Mahasena Gupta

Answer: Adityasena

Lingayat movement owes its origin to(a) Purandharadasa

- (b) Vidyaranya
- (c) Appar
- (d) Basava

Answer: Basava

After the decline of the Guptas, a large part of North India was reunited by(a) Harshavardhana

- (b) Chalukyas
- (c) Rajputs
- (d) Saka Satraps

Answer: Chalukyas

During the reign of which of the following emperors was the artillery most perfect and numerous ? (a)

Jahangir

- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Aurangzeb

Answer: Aurangzeb

Chachnama is a famous work on the history of (a) Kashmir

- (b) Sind
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Punjab

Answer: Sind

The Mahajanapada which gained prominence to become an empire was(a) Kasi

- (b) Magadha
- (c) Kosala
- (d) Avanti

Answer: Magadha

Which of the later Gupta rulers was a contemporary and ally of Harshavardhana ? (a) Mahasena Gupta

- (b) Kamarupa
- (c) Madhava Gupta
- (d) Damodar Gupta

Answer: Mahasena Gupta

The word Hindu as reference to the people of Hind (India) was first used by(a) The Arabs

- (b) The Romans
- (c) The Chinese
- (d) The Greeks

Answer: The Greeks

Which of the following renders a proof of trade with Rome in old times ? (a) Harappa

- (b) Ropar

(c) Mohenjodaro

(d) Lothal

Answer: Lothal

The coin rupia was first issued by (a) Akbar

(b) Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq

(c) Sher Shah

(d) Ala-ud-din Khilji

Answer: Akbar

Among the following , whose empire was the largest ? (a) Aurangzeb

(b) Jehangir

(c) Babar

(d) Akbar

Answer: Aurangzeb

Which of the following varieties of land available during the Mughal times did not yield any land revenue to the state ? (a) Raiyvati lands

(b) Sayurghal lands

(c) Jagir Lands

(d) Khalisa (Crown) lands

Answer: Sayurghal lands

History: National Movement 2

Who among the following is known as the Heroine of 1942 Quit India Movement ? (a) Suchitra Kriplani

(b) Sarojini Naidu

(c) Aruna Asaf Ali

(d) Dr. Annie Besant

Answer: Aruna Asaf Ali

The first to start a joint stock company trade with India were the (a) Danish

(b) Portuguese

(c) Dutch



(d) French

Answer: Portuguese

Who amongst the following is associated with the Local Self-Government Act ? (a) William Bentick

(b) Dalhousie

(c) Ripon

(d) Cornwallis

Answer: Ripon

Seeds of Indian participating in the Legislative Council of the Governor General of India are embodied in the(a) Indian Councils Act, 1892

(b) Government of India Act, 1919

(c) Indian Councils Act, 1861

(d) Indian Councils Act, 1909

Answer: Indian Councils Act, 1892

Arya Samaj was started by(a) Swami Dayanand Saraswati

(b) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

(c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

(d) Swami Vivekananda

Answer: Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Which of the following is the most significant contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to modern India

?(a) His Presidentship of Indian National Congress

(b) His participating in Quit India Movement

(c) His role in Non-Cooperation Movement

(d) His achievement of integration of princely states

Answer: His achievement of integration of princely states

Who is known as the Grand Old Man of India ? (a) Dadabhai Naoroji

(b) Lala Lajpat Rai

- (c) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (d) C. Rajagopalachari

Answer: Dadabhai Naoroji

Which of the following was a recommendation of Hunter's Commission ? (a) Women's education

- (b) Introduction of civic education at college university level
- (c) New regulation for the organized senates system
- (d) Gradual withdrawal of state support from higher education

Answer: Gradual withdrawal of state support from higher education

The theory of economic drain of India during British imperialism was propounded by (a) R.C. Dutt

- (b) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (c) M.K. Gandhi
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Dadabhai Naoroji

Who amongst the following was involved in the Ali-pore Bomb case ? (a) S.N. Banerjea

- (b) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (c) Bipin Chandra Pal
- (d) Jatin Das

Answer: Jatin Das

Which one of the following upheavals took place in Bengal immediately after the Revolt of 1857 ? (a)

Indigo Disturbances

- (b) Pabna Disturbances
- (c) Sanyasi Rebellion
- (d) Santal Rebellion

Answer: Indigo Disturbances

Which of the following was not founded by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?

- (a) Samaj Samata Sangh
- (b) Depressed Classes Institute
- (c) Peoples Education Society
- (d) Deccan Education Society

Answer: Deccan Education Society

The title Punjab Kesari was conferred on

- (a) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (b) Sardar Baldev Singh
- (c) Ranjit Singh
- (d) Bhagat Singh

Answer: Lala Lajpat Rai

The affairs of East India Company came into the hands of the British Crown under

- (a) Regulating Act
- (b) Govt. of India Act
- (c) Pitt's India Act
- (d) Cabinet Mission Plan

Answer: Regulating Act

Muslim League first demanded partition of India in

- (a) 1916
- (b) 1946
- (c) 1940
- (d) 1906

Answer: 1940

The Supreme Court in British India was established under

- (a) The Charter Act of 1813

- (b) The Charter Act of 1833
- (c) Regulating Act of 1773
- (d) Pitt's India Act of 1784

Answer: Regulating Act of 1773

Gandhiji wanted that the students should spend their vacations in

- (a) Social Service
- (b) None of these
- (c) Studies
- (d) Games

Answer: Social Service

Who gave the motto back to the Vedas?

- (a) Swami Dayanand Saraswati
- (b) Swami Vivekananda
- (c) Ramakrishna Paramhansa
- (d) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Answer: Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Theosophist, educationist and Indian national leader. This description fits

- (a) Srinivasa Shastri
- (b) Shyama Prasad Mookerjee
- (c) Annie Besant
- (d) Madan Mohan Malviya

Answer: Annie Besant

The most effective contribution made by Dadabhai Naoroji to the cause of Indian National Movement was that he

- (a) Brought the problems of Indians to the notice of the British
- (b) Stressed the need for eradication of all the social evils before anything else.



- (c) Interpreted the ancient Indian texts and re-stored the self - confidence of Indians.
- (d) Exposed the economic exploitation of India by the British

Answer: Exposed the economic exploitation of India by the British

The year 1943 is important because

- (a) World War II ended.
- (b) Quit India Resolution was passed.
- (c) Azad Hind Fauj was formed.
- (d) Dandi March was organised by Mahatma Gandhi

Answer: Azad Hind Fauj was formed.

The Indians celebrated the Independence Day for the first time on

- (a) 10984
- (b) 18289
- (c) 10959
- (d) 17394

Answer: 10984

Abandonment of the policy of annexation and aggrandizement towards Indian states came under the

- (a) Indian Councils Act, 1861
- (b) Indian Councils Act, 1909
- (c) Indian Councils Act, 1892
- (d) Government of India Act, 1858

Answer: Government of India Act, 1858

Who was the first European to translate the Bhagwad Gita into English?

- (a) Sir Alexander Cunningham
- (b) Charles Wilkins



- (c) William Jones
- (d) James Princep

Answer: Charles Wilkins

Which of the following were a continuous movement based on the philosophy of Gandhiji, and not a specific movement?

- (a) Quit India Movement
- (b) Civil Disobedience Movement
- (c) Swadeshi Movement
- (d) Non-Cooperation Movement

Answer: Swadeshi Movement

Who was the leader of Poona Sarvajanik Sabha founded in 1870?

- (a) Justice Ranade
- (b) Ferozeshah Mehta
- (c) S.N. Banerjee
- (d) K.T. Telang

Answer: Justice Ranade

Which of the following is correctly matched?

- (a) New India - M.K. Gandhi
- (b) Yugantar - Aurobindo Ghosh
- (c) Young India - Annie Besant
- (d) Kesari - B.G. Tilak

Answer: Kesari - B.G. Tilak

Who was the first Indian to pass the Indian Civil Service?

- (a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (b) D.N. Wacha
- (c) Surendranath Banerjee

(d) Dadabhai Naoroji

Answer: Surendranath Banerjee

The Lucknow Pact of 1916 was made between

(a) The Hindus and the Muslims

(b) The Congress and the Muslim League

(c) The moderates and extremists

(d) The British and the Indians

Answer: The Congress and the Muslim League

Who was the Chairman of Boundary Commission to define the boundaries of the dominions under the Indian Independence Act of 1947?

(a) Stafford Cripps

(b) Lord Mountbatten

(c) Cyril Radcliffe

(d) Lord Wavell

Answer: Cyril Radcliffe

Which of the following universities was not established by Lord Dalhousie?

(a) Calcutta

(b) Delhi

(c) Bombay

(d) Madras

Answer: Delhi

When the Cooperative Societies Act was first passed in India?

(a) 1904

(b) 1906

(c) 1900

(d) 1902

Answer: 1904

Who started the Bhoodan Movement ? (a) Swami Vivekananda

- (b) Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Jayaprakash Narayan

Answer: Acharya Vinoba Bhave

The Forward Bloc was formed by (a) B.R. Ambedkar

- (b) Subhash Chandra Bose
- (c) P.C. Joshi
- (d) Acharya Narendra Dev

Answer: Subhash Chandra Bose

Non Cooperation Movement started in : (a) 1870 (b) 1942

- (c) 1921
- (d) 1920

Answer: 1920

Ancient Monuments Preservation Act was passed during the Viceroyalty of (a) Lansdowne

- (b) Curzon
- (c) Ripon
- (d) Minto

Answer: Curzon

Who said, I therefore want freedom immediately, this very night, before dawn if it can be had? (a) Pt.

Jawaharlal Nehru

- (b) Annie Besant
- (c) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- (d) Mahatma Gandhi

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Who was called by the British rulers as the leader of Indian unrest? (a) Subhas Chandra Bose

- (b) M.K. Gandhi

- (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Which of the following Acts was described by Jawaharlal Nehru as Charter of Slavery? (a) Regulation Act

- (b) Vernacular Press Act
- (c) Government of India Act, 1919
- (d) Government of India Act, 1935

Answer: Government of India Act, 1919

### **National Movement 3**

The British Governor General, who formulated the policy of Subsidiary Alliance with regard to Indian powers was (a) Lord Wellesley

- (b) Lord William Bentick
- (c) Warren Hastings
- (d) Lord Dalhousie

Answer: Lord Wellesley

Where did Mahatma Gandhi first try the weapon of Satyagraha ? (a) South Africa

- (b) Dandi
- (c) Champaran
- (d) Bardoli

Answer: South Africa

The first main British Parliament Act regarding East India Company's administration in India was

- (a) Rowlatt Act
- (b) Pitts India Act
- (c) Charter Act of 1913
- (d) Regulation Act

Answer: Regulation Act

Who was the first Indian to become the member of British Parliament ? (a) D.N. Wacha

- (b) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (c) Badruddin Tyabji
- (d) W.C. Banerjee

Answer: Dadabhai Naoroji

Who conceived the idea of Pakistan ?(a) Mohd. Ali Jinnah

- (b) H.S. Suharwardhy
- (c) Chlowdhary Rahmat Ali

- (d) Asaf Ali

Answer: Chlowdhary Rahmat Ali

Which one of the following is not correctly matched ? (a) Lord Rippon-Local Self Government

- (b) Thomas Munro-Ryotwari System
- (c) Holt Mackenzie-Mahalwari Settlement in Northern India
- (d) Lord Cornwallis-Subsidiary System

Answer: Lord Cornwallis-Subsidiary System

Gandhiji started Satyagraha movement in 1919 in protest against the(a) Simon Commission

- (b) Colonial exploitation of India
- (c) Champaran wrongs
- (d) Enactment of Rowlatt Act

Answer: Enactment of Rowlatt Act

Satyagraha Ashram was established by who among the following ?(a) Lokanayak Jayaprakash Narayan

- (b) Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Acharya Kripalani

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Who was the founder of the Muslim League in India ?

- (a) Nawab Salimulla
- (b) None of these



(c) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

(d) M.A. Jinnah

Answer: Nawab Salimulla

Who was the Governor General of India when the Indian National Congress was formed ?(a) Lord Cornwallis

(b) Lord Mountbatten

(c) Lord Lytton

(d) Lord Dufferin

Answer: Lord Dufferin

Regarding the freedom struggle, which of the following events is/are not true ? (a) Morley-Minto reforms granted Muslim demands in 1909.

(b) Transfer of India's capital from Calcutta to Delhi was announced in 1910.

(c) Muslim League was founded in 1907.

(d) The partition of Bengal was done in 1905

Answer: Muslim League was founded in 1907.

Which was the first newspaper to be published in India ?(a) Bengal Chronicle

(b) The Hindu

(c) Bengal Gazette

(d) Bombay Samachar

Answer: Bengal Gazette

Uplift of the backward classes was the main programme of the (a) Prarthana Samaj

(b) Ramakrishna Mission

(c) Arya Samaj

(d) Satyashodhak Samaj

Answer: Satyashodhak Samaj

Permanent Revenue System of Lord Cornwallis proved oppressive to the tenants because they were (a)

Asked to pay under military pressure

- (b) Exploited by the zamindars
- (c) Forced to produce more
- (d) Asked to pay yearly revenue in advance

Answer: Exploited by the zamindars

Legalisation of widow remarriage in India was first secured by(a) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

- (b) Maharishi Karve
- (c) Pandit Ramabai

- (d) K. Natarajan

Answer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

The Doctrine of Lapse was introduced by(a) Warren Hastings

- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Canning
- (d) Lord Wellesley

Answer: Lord Wellesley

Who among the following analysed the cause of the uprising of 1857 advocating a reconciliation between the British and the Muslims ?(a) Syed Ahmed Bardvi

- (b) Shah Wali-Ullah
- (c) Syed Ahmed Khan
- (d) Syed Amir Ali

Answer: Syed Ahmed Khan

During the British rule, first partition of Bengal was done in(a) 1903 (b) 1908

- (c) 1905
- (d) 1885

Answer: 1905

The British law which provoked Mahatma Gandhi to crusade for the Asians in South Africa was called (a)

The Apartheid Act

- (b) The Asiatic Registration Act

(c) The Blacks Registration Act

(d) The Coloured's Licence Act

Answer: The Asiatic Registration Act

When did the British Parliament pass the Indian Independence Bill ? (a) 17393 (b) 17349

(c) 17218

(d) 17250

Answer: 17349

Vallabhbhai Patel was born at(a) Borsad

(b) Nadiad

(c) Ahmedabad

(d) Baroda

Answer: Nadiad

The founder of Boy Scouts and Civil Guides Movement in India was(a) Robert Montgomery

(b) Baden Powell

(c) Charles Andrews

(d) Richard Temple

Answer: Baden Powell

The Rowlatt Act led to (a) Economic reforms in U.P.

(b) Massacre at Amritsar

(c) Communal riots in Bengal

(d) Social legislation in Madras

Answer: Massacre at Amritsar

In 1917, at Champaran, the government forced farmers to undertake(a) Opium cultivation

(b) Land ceiling

(c) Indigo cultivation

(d) Hallow cultivation

Answer: Indigo cultivation

The first session of Indian National Congress was held at(a) Surat

- (b) Lahore
- (c) Calcutta
- (d) Bombay

Answer: Bombay

Woods Despatch of 1854 resulted in the(a) Establishment of educational system

- (b) Establishment of Indian universities
- (c) Introduction of Postal System
- (d) Abolition of child marriage

Answer: Establishment of educational system

The English Weekly edited by Mahatma Gandhi was(a) Young India

- (b) Bombay Chronicle
- (c) Kesari
- (d) Comrade

Answer: Young India

The first railway started in India under the Governor-Generalship of (a) Lord Dalhousie

- (b) Lord Cornwallis
- (c) Lord Canning
- (d) Lord Hastings

Answer: Lord Dalhousie

The Act which imparted provincial autonomy is (a) Government of India Act, 1919

- (b) Indian Independence Act, 1947
- (c) Government of India Act, 1935
- (d) Indian Councils Act, 1909

Answer: Government of India Act, 1935

Indian sepoys in the Bengal army revolted because(a) The British tried to make them use the greased cartridges.



- (b) The British passed the General Service Enlistment Act.
- (c) The British officers ill-treated them.
- (d) The British discontinued the payment of field allowance.

Answer: The British tried to make them use the greased catridges.

From where did Mahatma Gandhi start his historic Dandi March ? (a) Chauri Chaura

- (b) Dandi
- (c) Sabarmati Ashram
- (d) Champaran

Answer: Sabarmati Ashram

Quit India Movement started after the failure of(a) Cripps proposal

- (b) None of these
- (c) Simon recommendation
- (d) Cabinet Mission

Answer: Cripps proposal

The practice of Sati was declared illegal by (a) Lord Ripon

- (b) Raja Rammohan Roy
- (c) Lord Cornwallis
- (d) Lord William Bentick

Answer: Lord William Bentick

Except Jammu and Kashmir and Hyderabad, the integration of Indian states was completed in(a) 17807

- (b) 18598
- (c) 18203
- (d) 17380

Answer: 18203

Who among the following could not be captured by the British in 1857 ?(a) Nana Saheb

- (b) Tantia Tope



- (c) Bahadur Shah II
- (d) Mangal Pandey

Answer: Nana Saheb

The Simon Commission was concerned with(a)  
Famines

- (b) Constitutional reforms
- (c) Higher education
- (d) Reforms in princely states

Answer: Constitutional reforms

The Vernacular Press Act 1878 was repealed by (a)  
Lord Lytton

- (b) Lord Ripon
- (c) Lord Minto
- (d) Lord Curzon

Answer: Lord Ripon

The first national leader to attack the Salt Tax in Indian Legislature was(a) Mahatma Gandhi

- (b) Pherozeshah Mehta
- (c) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (d) G.K. Gokhale

Answer: G.K. Gokhale

The Indian states that were annexed by invoking the Doctrine of Lapse included(a) Mysore, Satara and Bhavnagar

- (b) Jhansi, Nagpur and Satara
- (c) Jhansi, Nagpur and Travancore
- (d) Jhansi, Satara and Mysore

Answer: Jhansi, Nagpur and Satara

The Congress split into moderates and extremists in the session at (a) Surat

- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Ahmedabad

(d) Madras

Answer: Surat

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Which of the following was an empire Communist journal of M.N. Roy ?(a) Kishan Sabha

(b) The Worker

(c) Vanguard

(d) Anushilan

Answer: Vanguard

The Gandhi - Irwin Pact proclaimed the suspension of (a) Dandi March

(b) None of these

(c) Civil Disobedience Movement

(d) Non Cooperation Movement

Answer: Civil Disobedience Movement

The office of the Secretary of State for India was created by the(a) Morley - Minto Reforms, 1908

(b) Montague- Chelmsford Reforms

(c) Indian Councils Act, 1861

(d) Government of India Act, 1858

Answer: Government of India Act, 1858

The Indian National Congress adopted the resolution of Poorna Swaraj (complete independence) at its session held at(a) Calcutta

(b) Allahabad

(c) Karachi(d) Lahore

Answer: Lahore

After 1853, a very large amount of the British capital was invested in(a) Coal mining

(b) Tea plantation

(c) Railways

- (d) Jute mills

Answer: Railways

The Home Rule Movement in India was started by(a)  
S.N. Banerjee and W.C. Banerjee

- (b) Annie Besant and Gokhale  
(c) Mahatma Gandhi and Motilal Nehru  
(d) Annie Besant and Tilak

Answer: Annie Besant and Tilak

The importance of Gandhiji's Non-Cooperation Movement was that(a) It showed the ability and the willingness of the people in general to endure.

- (b) None of these  
(c) Non-violence was employed for the first time as an effective weapon of mass movement.  
(d) It was a great movement on a large scale.

Answer: Non-violence was employed for the first time as an effective weapon of mass movement.

Who among the following was the leader of the moderates?(a) B.G. Tilak

- (b) C.F. Andrews  
(c) Annie Besant  
(d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Who among the following started Bhudan Movement?(a) Jayaprakash Narayan

- (b) Acharya Kripalani  
(c) Vinoba Bhave  
(d) Mahatma Gandhi

Answer: Vinoba Bhave

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was born in the year(a)  
1889 (b) 1914

- (c) 1899  
(d) 1900

Answer: 1889

Who among the following was a prominent officer of the Azad Hind Fauj ? (a) Shah Nawaz Khan

- (b) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (c) Aruna Asaf Ali
- (d) DR. M.A. Ansari

Answer: Shah Nawaz Khan

Which of the following revolutionary leaders organised an attack on the armoury of Chittagong ? (a)

Surya Sen

- (b) C.R. Das
- (c) Jatin Das
- (d) Chandrashekhar Azad

Answer: Surya Sen

Lucknow Pact of 1916 is significant in the history of Indian National Movement because (a) None of these

- (b) It ended separate electorates for Hindus and Muslims.
- (c) It decided India's non-participating in World War I.
- (d) Both the groups of Congress men settled their disputes

Answer: It ended separate electorates for Hindus and Muslims.

What was the chief characteristic of Government of India Act, 1935 ? (a) Unitary Government at Centre

- (b) None of these
- (c) Interim Indian Government at Centre
- (d) Federal Government at Centre

Answer: Federal Government at Centre

Which of the following statements is not correct ? (a) Swami Dayanand Saraswati established the Arya Samaj.



- (b) Mahatma Gandhi was born in Gandhinagar.
- (c) Dr. Annie Besant was a theosophist
- (d) The international headquarter of the Theosophical Society is in Madras.

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi was born in Gandhinagar.  
The title of Governor - General was changed to that of Viceroy in the year (a) 1905 A.D. (b) 1917 A.D.

- (c) 1858 A.D.
- (d) 1885 A.D.

Answer: 1858 A.D.

What was the name of the periodical published by Mahatma Gandhi during his stay in South Africa ? (a) Afrikaner

- (b) Indian Opinion
- (c) India Gazette
- (d) Navjivan

Answer: Indian Opinion

Which of the following was written by Raja Ram Mohan Roy ? (a) Tuhfatul Muwahiddin

- (b) Kiratarjuniya
- (c) Mother India
- (d) Brahma Samhita

Answer: Tuhfatul Muwahiddin

Whom did Mahatma Gandhi describe as pure as crystal, as brave as a lion and the most perfect man in the political field ? (a) B.G. Tilak

- (b) C.R. Das
- (c) Motilal Nehru
- (d) G.K. Gokhale

Answer: G.K. Gokhale

Who among the following first propounded the idea of basic education? (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy



- (b) Dayanand Saraswati
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

What did Gandhiji do to practise the ideals of truth and non-violence in 1916 ? (a) He started an all-India Satyagrahs.

- (b) He founded Sabarmati Ashram near Ahmedabad
- (c) He founded the Gujarat Vidyapeeth.
- (d) He joined the Indian National Congress.

Answer: He founded Sabarmati Ashram near Ahmedabad

The Prime Minister of Britain at the time of India's independence was(a) Ramsay Macdonald

- (b) Clement Attlee
- (c) Lord Mountbatten
- (d) Winston Churchill

Answer: Clement Attlee

The split between the extremists and the moderates took place in the sessions Indian National Congress held at(a) Bombay

- (b) Surat
- (c) Calcutta
- (d) Lahore

Answer: Surat

Which of the following statements regarding Quit India Movement is correct ? (a) The movement paved the way for British seriously considering granting freedom to India.

- (b) The Muslims did not participate in the movement.
- (c) It was entirely a non-violent movement.
- (d) The upper middle class did not show interest in this movement.

Answer: The Muslims did not participate in the movement.

General Dyer who was responsible for Jallianwala Bagh massacre was shot dead by (a) Udham Singh

- (b) Hasrat Mohani
- (c) Sohan Singh Bhakna
- (d) V.V.S. Iyer

Answer: Udham Singh

The famous song Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram was sung during Dandi march by the renowned musician (a) Mallikarjun Mansur

- (b) Onkar Nath Thakur
- (c) Krishna Rao Shankar Pandit
- (d) Digambar Vishnu Paluskar

Answer: Digambar Vishnu Paluskar

The greatest evil that arose out of British policies with regard to Indian agriculture, was the (a) Emergence of the money lenders

- (b) None of these
- (c) Transformation of the peasant cultivators into tenants at will.
- (d) Improverishment of the peasantry

Answer: Improverishment of the peasantry

The Home Rule Movement started by Annie Besant aimed at (a) Boycotting foreign goods.

- (b) Attaining self rule for India
- (c) Educating the Indian masses
- (d) Agitating against the British monopoly in administration.

Answer: Attaining self rule for India

Before Delhi, where was the capital of India during the British India ? (a) Lucknow

- (b) Patna

- (c) Bombay
- (d) Calcutta

Answer: Calcutta

In 1930 Mahatma Gandhi started Civil Disobedience Movement from (a) Sabarmati

- (b) Dandi
- (c) Wardha
- (d) Sevagram

Answer: Sabarmati

Which Governor General abolished the system of dual government established by Robert Clive and established the Company's control over Bengal ?(a) Warren Hastings

- (b) Sir Charles Metacalfe
- (c) Lord Wellesley
- (d) Lord Cornwallis

Answer: Warren Hastings

Which of the following is not a form of Gandhian Satyagraha ? (a) Civil Disobedience

- (b) Hunger strike
- (c) Hijrat
- (d) Non - Cooperation

Answer: Hijrat

The immediate cause for precipitation of the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 was(a) Disparity in salaries of native sepoys and British soldiers

- (b) The rumour of use of cartridges greased with cow fat
- (c) Spread of Christianity
- (d) Doctrine of Lapse

Answer: The rumour of use of cartridges greased with cow fat

The Viceroy upon whom a bomb was thrown but he did not change his attitude towards the Indians, was(a) Lord Chelmsford

- (b) Lord Hardinge
- (c) Warren Hastings
- (d) Lord Curzon

Answer: Lord Hardinge

The capital of India was shifted to Delhi during the reign of(a) Curzon

- (b) Hardinge
- (c) Minto
- (d) Chelmsford

Answer: Hardinge

Which of the following is correctly matched ? (a) Pararthana Samaj : Dayanand Saraswati

- (b) Brahmo Samaj : Jyotiba Phule
- (c) Satya Shodhak Mandal : Keshab Chandra Sen
- (d) Sri Narayan Dharma Paripalana Yogam : Narayana Guru

Answer: Sri Narayan Dharma Paripalana Yogam : Narayana Guru

The Separatist system of representation by various religious communities and other groups was a prominent feature of the(a) Government of India Act, 1919

- (b) Indian Independence Act, 1947
- (c) Government of India Act, 1935
- (d) Indian Council Act, 1861

Answer: Government of India Act, 1935



Lala Lajpat Rai was assaulted by the British during(a)  
The protest against the Simon Commission

- (b) The First war of Indian Independence
- (c) The salt Satyagraha
- (d) The Civil Disobedience Movement

Answer: The protest against the Simon Commission  
The Young India was edited by(a) Acharya Narendra  
Dev

- (b) Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (d) Mahadev Desia

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Vande Mataram was first published in(a) Anand Math

- (b) Kesari
- (c) Gitanjali
- (d) Harijan

Answer: Anand Math

The song Jana-Gana-Mana composed by Rabindranath Tagore, was first published in January 1912 under the title of(a) None of these

- (b) Bharat Vidhata
- (c) Rashtra Jagrati
- (d) Tatva Bodhini

Answer: Bharat Vidhata

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The Muslim League demanded a separate nation for the Muslim in India from the year (a) 1920 (b) 1940

- (c) 1945
- (d) 1930

Answer: 1940

The resolution to start the Quit India Movement was adopted by INC at its session held at(a) Bombay



- (b) Karachi
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Calcutta

Answer: Bombay

Which school of religion started in 1867, was basically anti-British ?(a) Deoband

- (b) Farazi
- (c) Wahabi
- (d) Aligarh

Answer: Deoband

The first Indian Councils Act was passed in(a) 1857

- (b) 1892
- (c) 1861
- (d) 1853

Answer: 1861

Why were the Indians dissatisfied with the Simon Commission ? (a) It recommended that Dyarchy in the provinces should be abolished.

- (b) None of these
- (c) There was no Indian member in the Commission.
- (d) Indians never wanted the review of the working of the Act of 1919.

Answer: There was no Indian member in the Commission.

By which law did the British Crown take over the power to rule over India from the East India Company

?(a) Magna Carta of Rights

- (b) None of these
- (c) Indian Councils Act, 1861
- (d) Ilbert Bill

Answer: Magna Carta of Rights

Who founded the Indian National Social Congress in 1887 ?(a) B.G. Tilak

- (b) M.G. Ranade
- (c) G.K. Gokhale
- (d) Ram Prasad Bismil

Answer: M.G. Ranade

Who was responsible for the introduction of English as the official language in India ? (a) Lord William Bentick

- (b) Allan Octavian Hume
- (c) Marquess of Dalhousie
- (d) Sir Charles Wood

Answer: Sir Charles Wood

Mahatma Gandhi gave the call Do or Die during the (a) Quit India Movement

- (b) Civil Disobedience Movement
- (c) Khilafat Movement
- (d) Non-cooperation Movement

Answer: Quit India Movement

According to Mountbatten Plan, which of the following provinces was not to be included in the Indian dominion ?(a) Bihar

- (b) Madras
- (c) Bombay
- (d) Sind

Answer: Sind

British merchants were willing to invest in railways and mines but not in cotton textiles industry. The reason was(a) Competition from the Indians

- (b) Lack of Technology
- (c) None of these
- (d) Lack of raw material

Answer: None of these

Who introduced the system of Civil Services ? (a)  
Lord Hardinge

- (b) William Bentick
- (c) Warren Hastings
- (d) Lord Dalhousie

Answer: William Bentick

Who was named as Mira Behn by Mahatma Gandhi ?  
(a) Annie Besant

- (b) Maria Montessori
- (c) Kamla Devi
- (d) Madeline Slade

Answer: Madeline Slade

Who was known as the Liberator of the Press?(a)  
Bentick

- (b) Macaulay
- (c) Hastings
- (d) Metcalfe

Answer: Metcalfe

Who initiated the introduction of education in English in India?(a) Lord Dalhousie

- (b) Lord Bentick
- (c) Lord Curzon
- (d) Lord Macaulay

Answer: Lord Macaulay

Which of the following institutions was not founded by Mahatma Gandhi ?(a) Phoenix Ashram

- (b) Sabarmati Ashram
- (c) Sevagram Ashram
- (d) Vishwa Bharati

Answer: Vishwa Bharati

Who commented that Cripps Mission was a post-dated cheque on a crashing bank ? (a) Mahatma Gandhi

- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- (d) Subhash Chandra Bose

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Which of the following upheavals took place in Bengal immediately after the Revolt of 1857 ? (a) Pabna Disturbances

- (b) Indigo Disturbances
- (c) Sanyasi Rebellion
- (d) Santal Rebellion

Answer: Indigo Disturbances

When was the first interim government formed during the British rule in India ? (a) 17046 (b) 17015

- (c) 16650
- (d) 16681

Answer: 17046

The major difference between the moderates and the extremists in the Congress session of 1907 was regarding (a) Satyagraha

- (b) Swaraj
- (c) Education
- (d) Boycott

Answer: Swaraj

Who after the Constitutional deadlock due to the Quit India Movement, gave the call - Back of Cripps ? (a)

C. Rajagopalachari

- (b) Rajendra Prasad
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: C. Rajagopalachari

The Arya Samaj was founded by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in(a) 1875 (b) 1893

(c) 1874

(d) 1882

Answer: 1875

Cripps Mission aimed at(a) Giving proportional representation to the Muslims under the framework of the new Constitution

(b) A compromise between Congress demand of united India and Muslim League's demand for a partitioned India.

(c) Giving complete independence to united India.

(d) Widening the gulf between the Congress and the Muslim League

Answer: Giving complete independence to united India.

Whom did Lord Wavell invite to make proposal for formation of an interim government ? (a) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad

(b) Jawaharlal Nehru

(c) Mahatma Gandhi

(d) M.A. Jinnah

Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru

The author of Hind Swaraj was(a) M.K. Gandhi

(b) Swami Shardddhanand

(c) V.D. Savarkar

(d) B.G. Tilak

Answer: M.K. Gandhi

Who declared: The only hope for India is from the masses. The upper classes are physically and morally dead?(a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

(b) Swami Vivekananda

(c) Mahatma Gandhi



(d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: Swami Vivekananda

Who among the following characterised the Revolt of 1857 as a conspiracy?(a) G.B. Malleson

(b) Sir John Kaye

(c) T.R. Holmes

(d) Sir Lawrence

Answer: Sir John Kaye

Which of the following is not a provision of the Charter Act of 1853 ? (a) Governor General was given the power to veto the bills passed by the Legislative Council.

(b) A provision was made for an open competitive examination for recruitment to Indian Civil Services.

(c) None of these

(d) Under this Act, a legislative Council for India was created.

Answer: None of these

Lala Lajpat Rai did not write in(a) English

(b) Urdu

(c) Hindi

(d) Punjabi

Answer: English

One of the most important activities of Mahatma Gandhi was the abolition of untouchability. For this purpose he founded the All India Harijan Sangh in(a) 1931

(b) 1932

(c) 1928

(d) 1930

Answer: 1932

Dadabhai Naoroji declared Swarajya as the aim of the INC at the Calcutta session in (a) 1906 (b) 1905

(c) 1896

(d) 1901

Answer: 1906

Non-Cooperation Movement was passed in which session of Indian National Congress ?(a) Kanpur

(b) Nagpur

(c) Bombay

(d) Calcutta

Answer: Calcutta

King George V visited India during the viceroyalty of(a) Lord Curzon

(b) Lord Rippon

(c) Lord Reading

(d) Lord Hardinge

Answer: Lord Hardinge

The first Governor - General of Bengal was(a) Lord Clive

(b) Lord Wellesley

(c) Warren Hastings

(d) Lord Cornwallis

Answer: Warren Hastings

In whose regime during the British period was Samachar Darpan the first vernacular paper, published?(a) Marquess of Hastings

(b) Lord Minto

(c) Lord Curzon

(d) Lord William Bentick

Answer: Marquess of Hastings

who among the following was not associated with Home Rule Movement ?(a) Annie Besant

(b) M.A. Jinnah

(c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

(d) Bipin Chandra Pal

Answer: M.A. Jinnah

Who said the following of the Indian National Congress: A safety valve for the escape of great and growing forces generated by our own actions was urgently needed? (a) A.O. Hume

(b) Lord Curzon

(c) Annie Besant

(d) Lord Rippon

Answer: A.O. Hume

The Revolt of 1857 affected several towns in Bihar. Which of the following entries gives the correct sequence of the outbreak of the revolt in different towns of Bihar? (a) Jagdishpur, Patna, Rohini,

Muzaffarpur

(b) Rohini, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Jagdishpur

(c) Muzaffarpur, Patna, Jagdishpur, Rohini

(d) Patna, Muzaffarpur, Rohini, Jagdishpur

Answer: Rohini, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Jagdishpur

Who among the following was not one of the revolutionaries abroad who added a new dimension to our struggle for freedom? (a) Chidambaran Pillai

(b) Raja Mahendra Pratap

(c) Har Dayal

(d) Maulana Barkatullah

Answer: Chidambaran Pillai

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Be proud that you are an Indian, proudly claim I am an Indian, every Indian is my brother? who had said these words? (a) Vivekananda

(b) Mahatma Gandhi

(c) Jawaharlal Nehru

(d) Lala Rajpat Rai

Answer: Vivekananda

What was the ultimate goal of Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha?(a) Purna Swaraj for India

- (b) Removal of economic hardship to the people
- (c) Repeal of Salt Laws
- (d) Abolition of Government monopoly on taxation

Answer: Purna Swaraj for India

Shuddhi Movement was started by(a) Arya Samaj

- (b) Brahma Samaj
- (c) Theosophical Society
- (d) Prarthana Samaj

Answer: Arya Samaj

Who introduced the railways and telegraphs in India?(a) Lord Dalhousie

- (b) Lord Canning
- (c) Lord Hardinge
- (d) Lord Ripon

Answer: Lord Dalhousie

The Chauri-Chaura incident (during Non-Cooperation Movement) relates to(a) Large scale looting of government property by Congress workers.

- (b) A major offensive by underground revolutionaries
- (c) Massive police firing on unarmed Satyagrahis.
- (d) The burning of a police post by a mob.

Answer: The burning of a police post by a mob.

Who advocated the policy of abolishing princely states in free India?(a) Mahatma Gandhi

- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) C.Rajagopalachari



(d) Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru

7. All the three Round Table Conferences were held in

(a) London

(b) Manchester

(c) Calcutta

(d) Bombay

Answer: London

Which of the following Movements was started by the Indian National Congress during the course of the Second World War and formed a part of our freedom struggle ?(a) Quit India

(b) Swadeshi

(c) Home Rule

(d) Civil Disobedience

Answer: Quit India

Who among the following was the leader of a number of anti-British revolts in Sambalpur ?(a) Sayyid Ahmad Bareilvi

(b) Surendra Sai

(c) Utirat Singh

(d) Kattabomman

Answer: Surendra Sai

The Cripps Mission visited India during the regime of

(a) Lord Wellington

(b) Lord Linlithgow

(c) Lord Wavell

(d) Lord Mountbatten

Answer: Lord Linlithgow

The system of budget was introduced in India during the viceroyalty of(a) Ripon

(b) Canning

(c) Dalhousie

(d) Elgin



Answer: Canning

The Quit India Movement started at(a) Lahore on July 7, 1942

- (b) Wardha on Aug 7, 1942
- (c) Bombay on Aug 8, 1942
- (d) Delhi on Aug 15, 1942

Answer: Bombay on Aug 8, 1942

Who was the Governor-General when the Great Mutiny of 1857 broke out ? (a) Lord Dalhousie

- (b) Lord Hardinge
- (c) Lord Canning
- (d) Lord Ripon

Answer: Lord Canning

Which one of the following was the most immediate factor for the spread of Swadeshi and boycott of foreign goods during the first decade of the present century ?(a) Curzon's Partition of Bengal

- (b) Curzon's plan to curb the growing popularity of the Indian National Congress.
- (c) Curzon's design to curtail the sphere of local self government
- (d) Curzon's attempt to control the universities

Answer: Curzon's plan to curb the growing popularity of the Indian National Congress.

Indian National Congress split for the first time in its session at(a) Surat

- (b) Calcutta
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Lahore

Answer: Surat

The first Indian to be elected to the leadership of Communist International was(a) Sohan Singh Josh

- (b) M.N. Roy

- (c) P.C. Joshi
- (d) S.A. Dange

Answer: M.N. Roy

According to the Poona Pact signed in 1932,(a) Hindus and Muslims patched up their differences

- (b) None of these
- (c) The strategy for elections was made.
- (d) A joint electorate for the Scheduled castes with the Hindus was suggested.

Answer: A joint electorate for the Scheduled castes with the Hindus was suggested.

Who among the following was a prominent officer of the Azad Hind Fauj ? (a) DR. M.A. Ansari

- (b) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (c) Shah Nawaz Khan
- (d) Aruna Asaf Ali

Answer: Shah Nawaz Khan

Sharada Act deals with (a) Intercaste marriage

- (b) Polygamy
- (c) Child Marriage
- (d) Widow remarriage

Answer: Child Marriage

Who among the following was associated with the Home Rule Movement from Madras in 1922 ?(a) C.

Rajagopalachari

- (b) T.Prakasham
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) Annie Besant

Answer: T.Prakasham

The first fort which the British constructed in India was(a) Agra Fort

- (b) St. David Fort
- (c) St. George Fort

- (d) Hoogly Fort

Answer: St. George Fort

Those who joined Mahatma Gandhi during the Champaran struggle included (a) Rajendra Prasad and Anugraha Narayan Sinha

- (b) Mahadev Desai and Maniben Patel  
(c) Vallabh bhai Patel and Vinobha Bhave  
(d) Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajendra Prasad

Answer: Vallabh bhai Patel and Vinobha Bhave

The Indian National Congress represented the views of the microscopic minority in India. This contention was maintained by (a) Lord Curzon

- (b) Lord Lansdowne  
(c) Lord Dufferin  
(d) Lord Ripon

Answer: Lord Dufferin

The first Indian university opened in 1857 was in (a) Banaras

- (b) Bombay  
(c) Calcutta  
(d) Madras

Answer: Calcutta

Between which periods were the three Round Table Conferences held in London ? (a) 1906-1909 (b) 1914-1942

- (c) 1929-1931  
(d) 1930-1932

Answer: 1930-1932

The setting up of a Constituent Assembly of India was not acceptable to the Indian National Congress when it was proposed under the (a) Mountbatten Plan

- (b) Cabinet Mission Plan  
(c) Cripps Plan

(d) Government of India Act, 1935

Answer: Cripps Plan

The Dual Government introduced by Robert Clive in Bengal was a failure because (a) He was not a good administrator.

(b) Local people rose against Clive.

(c) Power was divorced from responsibility.

(d) The home government did not encourage it.

Answer: Power was divorced from responsibility.

Who among the following was responsible for the revival of Hinduism in the 19th century ? (a) Swami Vivekananda

(b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

(c) Swami Dayananda

(d) Guru Shankaracharya

Answer: Swami Vivekananda

What is not ahimsa according to Gandhiji ? (a) It is tolerating the wrong.

(b) It is truth.

(c) It is a positive state of love.

(d) It is doing good even to the evil doer.

Answer: It is tolerating the wrong.

Who amongst the following Englishmen was fellow of Gandhiji in South Africa ? (a) None of these

(b) Polak

(c) C.F. Andrews

(d) Peterson

Answer: Polak

The Interim Government formed by INC in September 1946 was headed by (a) Jawaharlal Nehru

(b) C. Rajagopalachari

(c) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

(d) Mahatma Gandhi



Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru

In which of the sessions, Home Rule Leaguers were able to demonstrate their political strength ? (a) The Lucknow Session of Congress in 1916

(b) The joint session of the ATTUC and NFTL in Nagpur in 1938

(c) The All India Trade Union Congress held in Bombay in 1920

(d) The first A.U.P. Kisan Sabha in 1918

Answer: The Lucknow Session of Congress in 1916

The first Bengali political drama which presented the story of the brutality of English indigo planters was (a) Neel Darpan

(b) Shome Prakash

(c) Rast Goftar

(d) Indian Social Reformer

Answer: Neel Darpan

Who among the following was responsible for the revival of Hinduism in 19th century ? (a) Swami Vivekananda

(b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

(c) Guru Shankaracharya

(d) Swami Dayanand

Answer: Swami Dayanand

The main aim of forming the Indian National Congress in its initial stages was (a) To reduce the military expenditure

(b) To improve the lot of peasants and indigo cultivators

(c) To secure the right of recruitment of Indians in the higher civil services under British administration

(d) To hold a simultaneous examination in India and England for the ICS



Answer: To secure the right of recruitment of Indians in the higher civil services under British administration

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre took place in the city of (a) Bombay

- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Amritsar

Answer: Amritsar

On whose recommendations was the Constituent Assembly formed ? (a) Cabinet Mission Plan

- (b) Govt. of India Act, 1935
- (c) Mountbatten Plan
- (d) Cripps Mission

Answer: Cabinet Mission Plan

Moderates and extremists of the Indian National Congress differed mainly on the issue of (a) National education

- (b) Swaraj
- (c) Swadeshi
- (d) Boycott

Answer: Swaraj

Who among the following were popularity known as Red Shirts ? (a) Khudai Khidmatgars

- (b) Members of the Azad Hind Fauj
- (d) People led by Rani Gaidinliu

Answer: Khudai Khidmatgars

The Indian Independence League was set up by (a) Jayaprakash Narayan

- (b) Aruna Asaf Ali
- (c) Rash Behari Bose
- (d) S.M. Joshi

Answer: Rash Behari Bose

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Who among the following, analysed the cause of up-  
rising of 1857 advocating a reconciliation between

the British and the Muslims ?(a) Syed Ahmed Khan

- (b) Syed Ahmed Bardvi
- (c) Syed Amir Ali
- (d) Shah Wali- ullah

Answer: Syed Ahmed Khan

Who was the Viceroy of India at the time of Jallian-  
wala Bagh Massacre ? (a) Lord Hardinage

- (b) Lord Irwin
- (c) Lord Chelmsford
- (d) Lord Curzon

Answer: Lord Chelmsford

Jallianwala Bagh massacre occurred on(a) 43568 (b)  
11142

- (c) 43130
- (d) 44057

Answer: 43568

The Civil Disobedience Movement was led in the  
North - West Frontier Province by(a) Sewa Singh  
Thikriwala

- (b) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (c) Shaikh Mohammad Abdullah
- (d) Dr. M.A. Ansari

Answer: Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

Which of the following Acts was known as Morley  
Minto reforms ? (a) Indian Councils Act, 1892

- (b) Government of India Act, 1919
- (c) Government of India Act, 1915
- (d) Government of India Act, 1909

Answer: Government of India Act, 1909

Who among the following was impeached in England for his actions in India ?(a) Lord Cornwallis

- (b) Warren Hastings
- (c) Lord Wavell
- (d) Lord Ripon

Answer: Warren Hastings

The famous Pakistan resolution was passed at(a) Delhi

- (b) Calcutta
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Bombay

Answer: Lahore

Mahatma Gandhi started his Dandi march from(a) Sabarmati Ashram

- (b) Ahmedabad
- (c) Dandi
- (d) Porbandar

Answer: Ahmedabad

When was the monopoly of East India Company in trade brought under the control of the British Crowns

- ?(a) 1784 A.D.
- (b) 1813 A.D.
- (c) 1793 A.D.
- (d) 1773 A.D.

Answer: 1773 A.D.

Gandhi- Irwin Pact was signed in London in(a) 1931

- (b) 1925
- (c) 1937
- (d) 1930

Answer: 1931

The communal award declared in 1932 by Ramsay Macdonald provided a separate electorate for the (a)

Sikhs

- (b) Anglo- Indians
- (c) Muslims
- (d) Depressed classes

Answer: Muslims

Who was the head of the Committee formed by the government to enquire into Jallianwala Bagh massacre ? (a) General Dyer

- (b) None of these
- (c) John Simon
- (d) Hunter

Answer: Hunter

Which of the following is considered as the Revolutionary Era ? (a) None of these (b) 1900-1913

- (c) 1857-1890
- (d) 1934-1942

Answer: 1900-1913

In 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose proclaimed the Independent India (Azad Hind) in (a) Vienna

- (b) Singapore
- (c) Rangoon
- (d) Tokyo

Answer: Singapore

Ryotwari was started by (a) Hastings

- (b) Dalhousie
- (c) Munro
- (d) Wellesley

Answer: Munro

The Great Mutiny of 1857 broke out during the Governor - General ship of (a) Lord Dalhousie

- (b) Lord Canning
- (c) Lord Wellesley
- (d) Lord Hardinge

Answer: Lord Canning

Who among the following worked for the upliftment of depressed classes before independence ? (a) Ram Manohar Lohia

- (b) Rajendra Prasad
- (c) Jagjivan Ram
- (d) Bhim rao Ambedkar

Answer: Bhim rao Ambedkar

Mahatma Gandhi Thoughts were greatly influenced by (a) The Vedas

- (b) None of these
- (c) The upanishads
- (d) Bhagwad Gita

Answer: Bhagwad Gita

The centenary celebration of Indian National Congress was held at (a) Delhi

- (b) Madras
- (c) Calcutta
- (d) Bombay

Answer: Bombay

Which of the following movements truly reflected the spirit of Hindu - Muslim unity ? (a) Civil Disobedience Movement

- (b) Quit India Movement
- (c) Swadeshi Movement
- (d) Khilafat Movement

Answer: Khilafat Movement

Who played the prominent part in bringing about the Lucknow Pact ? (a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak



- (b) Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) Motilal Nehru
- (d) Lajpat Rai

Answer: Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Moplah rebellion of 1921 took place in(a) Kerala

- (b) North - west Frontier Province
- (c) Assam
- (d) Kashmir

Answer: Kerala

Burma was separated from India in(a) 1935 (b) 1941

- (c) 1939
- (d) 1937

Answer: 1937

Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated on(a) 18289 (b) 17562

- (c) 17558
- (d) 17928

Answer: 17562

The 19th Century reawakening in India was confined to be(a) Upper middle classes

- (b) Rich peasantry
- (c) Urban landlords
- (d) Priestly classes

Answer: Upper middle classes

Who founded the Scouts Movement?(a) Clement Atlee

- (b) Lord Baden Powell
- (c) Annie Besant
- (d) Florence Nightingale

Answer: Lord Baden Powell

English as a media of education was introduced in India in(a) 1835 (b) 1883

(c) 1838

(d) 1853

Answer: 1835

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(b) Shyamji Krishna Varma

(c) Madan Lal Dhingra

(d) V.D. Sarvarkar

Answer; Shyamji Krishna Varma

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(b) Sandhya

(c) Yugantar

(d) Ghadar

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- (c) It denotes assertion and economic dominance.
- (d) It is the exercise of the purest soul force against all types of injustice.

Answer: It is the best weapon of the weak against the strong.

Rani Lakshmi Bai died fighting the British in the battle of (a) Gwalior

- (b) Kalpi
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Jhansi

Answer: Gwalior

The Simon Commission visited India to (a) Discuss the demand for the formation of Pakistan.

- (b) None of these
- (c) See the important historical places
- (d) Enquire into the progress of responsible government in India.

Answer: Enquire into the progress of responsible government in India.

Who said, Good government was never a good substitute for self government ? (a) Swami Dayananda

- (b) Swami Vivekanand
- (c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- (d) Ramakrishna Paramhansa

Answer: Swami Dayananda

. The first weekly paper published by the INC (in 1889) was (a) India

- (b) Young India
- (c) Voice of India
- (d) Indian Opinion

Answer: India

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The post and telegraph system in India was introduced during the time of (a) Lord Cornwallis

- (b) Lord Canning
- (c) Lord Hardinge
- (d) Lord Dalhousie

Answer: Lord Dalhousie

The reform movement among the Muslims started by Sir Khan is known as ?? Movement. (a) Khilafat

- (b) Wahabi
- (c) Aligarh
- (d) Sufi

Answer: Aligarh

During whose Viceroyalty, Queen Victoria was crowned with Kaiser-i-Hind in Delhi Durbar ? (a) Lytton

- (b) Lord Minto
- (c) Hastings
- (d) Elgin

Answer: Lytton

The Communal Award which was later changed after Mahatma Gandhi's fast unto death in a jail at Poona, was given by (a) Winston Churchill

- (b) Stanley Baldwin
- (c) Ramsay Macdonald
- (d) Lloyd George

Answer: Ramsay Macdonald

The first Swarajist Conference was held at (a) Madras

- (b) Allahabad
- (c) Bardoli
- (d) Ahmedabad



Answer: Allahabad

Gandhiji started Satyagraha in 1919 in protest against (a) Act of 1909

- (b) Salt law
- (c) Jallianwala Bagh massacre
- (d) Rowlatt Act

Answer: Rowlatt Act

When the East India Company came into existence, England was ruled by the (a) Hanoverians

- (b) Tudors
- (c) Normans
- (d) Stuarts

Answer: Stuarts

Lord Mountbatten replaced as Viceroy of India in 1947. (a) Lord Curzon

- (b) Lord Linlithgow
- (c) Lord Chelmsford
- (d) Lord Wavell

Answer: Lord Wavell

Who presided over the Cabinet Mission? (a) A.V. Alexander

- (b) Sir P. Lawrence
- (c) Stafford Cripps
- (d) Clement Attlee

Answer: Sir P. Lawrence

The moderate and extremist sections of INC were reunited in the session (a) 1920 Calcutta

- (b) 1922 Karachi
- (c) 1921 Bombay
- (d) 1916 Lucknow

Answer: 1916 Lucknow

Who among the following attended all the Round Table Conferences? (a) Jawaharlal Nehru

- (b) Madan Mohan Malaviya
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi
- (d) B.R. Ambedkar

Answer: B.R. Ambedkar

The author of the book Hindu way of Life is (a) Aurobindo Ghosh

- (b) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- (c) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

The objective of the Cabinet Mission was (a) None of these

- (b) To help establish a Constituent Assembly to form the Constitution
- (c) For partition of India
- (d) To hand over power to Indians

Answer: To help establish a Constituent Assembly to form the Constitution

Which Act was the first legislative interference by the British Parliament in the affairs of India ? (a) Fox's India Bill, 1783

- (b) Pitt's India Act, 1784
- (c) The Regulating Act, 1773
- (d) The Declaratory Act, 1781

Answer: The Regulating Act, 1773

The last Governor General of India was (a) C. Rajagopalachari

- (b) Lord Mountbatten
- (c) Lord Wavell
- (d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Answer: C. Rajagopalachari

The Congress ministries that had been formed in several provinces in 1937 resigned in November 1939 in protest against the(a) British policy of repression

- (b) Interference of the Viceroy and the Governors, in administration
- (c) Participation of India in the Second World War, without consulting the Indian National Congress
- (d) Refusal of the British government to grant independence to India

Answer; Participation of India in the Second World War, without consulting the Indian National Congress Who was the pioneer among the following social reformers ? (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

- (b) Swami Vivekanand
- (c) Dayanand Saraswati
- (d) Ramakrishna Paramhansa

Answer: Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Wood's Despatch of 1854 resulted in the(a) Introduction of postal system

- (b) Establishment of educational system
- (c) Abolition of child marriage
- (d) Establishment of Indian universities

Answer: Establishment of educational system

Who once remarked, Nehru is a patriot while Jinnah is a politician. (a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

- (b) Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) Sir Mohammad Iqbal
- (d) Abdul Ghaffar Khan

Answer: Sir Mohammad Iqbal

When Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, who said, None will believe that a man like this body and soul ever walked on this earth?(a) Leo Tolstoy

- (b) Bertrand Russel
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru

(d) Albert Einstein

Answer: Albert Einstein

Who initiated the greeting of Jai Hind ?(a) Subhash Chandra Bose

(b) Jawaharlal Nehru

(c) Mahatma Gandhi

(d) B.G. Tilak

Answer: Subhash Chandra Bose

Satyagraha Sabha was formed by Mahatma Gandhi at(a) Ahmedabad

(b) Bombay

(c) Poona

(d) Calcutta

Answer: Bombay

Which of the following enactments of British Parliament allowed Indian magistrates to try the cases of British nationals as well in India ?(a) Bill of Rights

(b) Pitt's India Act

(c) Ilbert Bill

(d) Rowlatt Act

Answer: Ilbert Bill

Queen Victoria was appointed Empress of India in(a) 1885 (b) 1877

(c) 1858

(d) 1876

Answer: 1877

The first Governor -General of India was appointed in(a) 1911

(b) 1858

(c) 1774

(d) 1833

Answer: 1911



The Second Civil Disobedience Movement started with (a) The adoption of a resolution declaring Poorna Swaraj as the objective of the Congress

- (b) The failure of Cripps Mission
- (c) Dandi march
- (d) The passing of the Quit India Resolution

Answer: The failure of Cripps Mission

When did the Indian National Congress ask for the Dominion Status ? (a) 1942 (b) 1947

- (c) 1908
- (d) 1929

Answer: 1908

The Cripps Mission visited India during the regime of (a) Lord Wavell

- (b) Lord Mountbatten
- (c) Lord Wellington
- (d) Lord Linlithgow

Answer: Lord Linlithgow

Who among the following was not the Viceroy of India during the 20th century ? (a) Lord Minto

- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Chelmsford
- (d) Lord Irwin

Answer: Lord Minto

The slogan Inquilab Zindabad was given by (a) Khudi Ram Bose

- (b) Subhash Chandra Bose
- (c) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- (d) Sardar Bhagat Singh

Answer: Sardar Bhagat Singh

Who was the Viceroy of India at the time of Quit India Movement ? (a) Lord Mountbatten

- (b) Lord Wellington



- (c) Lord Wavell
- (d) Lord Linlithgow

Answer: Lord Linlithgow

Bombay Samachar, the first newspaper started in Bombay, was a venture by the(a) Parsees

- (b) Sindhis
- (c) Hindus
- (d) Gujaratis

Answer: Parsees

Which of the following is correctly matched ? (a) Non-Cooperation Movement : 1920

- (b) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre : 1921
- (c) Salt Satyagraha : 1929
- (d) Surat split : 1905

Answer: Non- Cooperation Movement : 1920

The credit for forming an all India organisation of nationalist political workers goes to (a) A.O. Hume

- (b) W.C. Bonnerjee
- (c) S.N. Banerjea
- (d) Dadabhai Naoroji

Answer: A.O. Hume

Which reformer from Maharashtra was known as Lokhitavadi ? (a) M.G. Ranade

- (b) Gopal Hari Deshmukh
- (c) Pandit Ramabai
- (d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: Gopal Hari Deshmukh

Who said : Bengal united is a power. Bengal divided will pull several different ways?.. ? (a) Hardinge

- (b) Risley
- (c) Dufferin
- (d) Curzon

Answer: Risley

Who among the following was not one of the founders of the Congress Socialist party set up in 1934 ? (a)

P.C. Joshi

- (b) Acharya Narendra Dev
- (c) Ashok Mehta
- (d) Jaya Prakash Narayan

Answer: P.C. Joshi

The purpose of the Whitley Commission was (a) To suggest measures to improve conditions of labourers

- (b) None of these
- (c) To look into the problem of minorities in India
- (d) To enable political parties in India to reach a consensus on the constitutional question

Answer: To suggest measures to improve conditions of labourers

Identify the area where the Santhals proclaimed a government of their own in 1855-56 : (a) Munger -

Bhagalpur

- (b) Gaya -Munger
- (c) Bhagalpur-Rajmahal
- (d) Shahabad- Gaya

Answer: Bhagalpur-Rajmahal

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Mahatma Gandhi gave the call to reject foreign goods during the (a) Civil Disobedience Movement

- (b) Non Cooperation Movement
- (c) Khilafat Movement
- (d) Swadeshi Movements

Answer: Swadeshi Movements

Who among the following opposed Mahatma Gandhi's association with the Khilafat movement ?

(a)

Mohammed Ali Jinnah

(b) Abul Kalam Azad

(c) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

(d) Fazlul Haque

Answer: Mohammed Ali Jinnah

The integration of Indian States is the achievement of (a) Subhash Chandra Bose

(b) Mahatma Gandhi

(c) Rajendra Prasad

(d) Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer: Subhash Chandra Bose

Jawaharlal Nehru helped to start the newspaper (a) Pioneer

(b) Patriot

(c) Kesari

(d) National Herald

Answer: National Herald

Who was the British Prime Minister at the time of the Second Round Table Conference ? (a) Clement Attlee

(b) None of these

(c) Neville Chamberlain

(d) Ramsay MacDonald

Answer: Ramsay MacDonald

Who was the Viceroy during the time Mr. Attlee of England declared the British intention to transfer

power to Indians ? (a) Lord Irwin

(b) Lord Linlithgow

(c) Lord Mountbatten

(d) Lord Wavell

Answer: Lord Wavell

The Wavell Plan aimed at (a) Complete Indianisation of the Executive Council

(b) None of these

(c) Complete Europeanisation of the Executive Council.

(d) Giving equal representation to the Indians and the European in the Executive Council

Answer: Complete Indianisation of the Executive Council

The leader who left politics, retired to Pondicherry and set up an ashram there, was (a) Aurobindo Ghosh

(b) Bhikaji Cama

(c) Lokmanya Tilak

(d) Bipin Chandra Pal

Answer: Aurobindo Ghosh

The first Satyagraha of Gandhiji for the cause of indigo farmers was observed at (a) Champaran

(b) Sabarmati

(c) Chauri Chaura

(d) Bardoli

Answer: Champaran

Which of the following was East India Company's most significant parliamentary Act ? (a) Regulation Act

(b) Rowlatt Act

(c) Charter Act of 1813

(d) Pitts Act

Answer: Regulation Act

The word Adivasi was used for the first time to refer to the tribal people by (a) Jyotiba Phule

(b) Thakkar Bappa

(c) B.R. Ambedkar



(d) Mahatma Gandhi

Answer: Thakkar Bappa

Except Jammu and Kashmir and Hyderabad, the integration of Indian states was completed in (a) 1859

(b) 1820

(c) 1738

(d) 1780

Answer: 1820

Which of the following Acts of British Parliament was introduced to remove the shortcomings of the Regulation Act? (a) Government of India Act, 1919

(b) Rowlatt Act

(c) Pitt's India Act, 1784

(d) Charter Act of 1793

Answer: Charter Act of 1793  
Indian National Congress held its first session at (a) Lahore

(b) Madras

(c) Bombay

(d) Lucknow

Answer: Bombay

Who was the founder of Muslim League in India? (a) None of these

(b) Aga Khan

(c) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

(d) M.A. Jinnah

Answer: Aga Khan

When was Purna Swaraj day first decided to be celebrated? (a) 1739 (b) 1828

(c) 1098

(d) 1118

Answer: 1098

The trial of INA heroes was held at (a) Delhi



- (b) Simla
- (c) Bombay
- (d) Calcutta

Answer: Delhi

Who among the following was the follower of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy?(a) Bertrand Russell

- (b) Martin Luther
- (c) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
- (d) Marshal Tito

Answer: Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

Montague -Chelmsford reforms were(a) Educational reforms

- (b) Constitutional reforms
- (c) Political reforms
- (d) Social reforms

Answer: Constitutional reforms

First Governor - General of India, after independence was(a) C. Rajagopalachari

- (b) Lord Mountbatten
- (c) Rajendra Prasad
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Lord Mountbatten

In the history of the freedom movement of India, the year 1930 is associated with (a) Chauri Chaura incident

- (b) Jallianwala Bagh Tragedy
- (c) Partition of Bengal
- (d) Dandi March

Answer: Jallianwala Bagh Tragedy

Which of the following revolutionary groups was involved in Kakori Conspiracy Case?(a) Ghadar Party

- (b) Abhinav Bharat Group
- (c) Anushilan Samiti

(d) Hindustan Republican Association

Answer: Hindustan Republican Association

The Second International was attended by (a)  
Pherozeshah Mehta

(b) Dinshaw Edalji Wacha

(c) Surendranath Banerjee

(d) Dadabhai Naoroji

Answer: Dadabhai Naoroji

The Buddha, the Ramayana and the Mahabharat are three treasures of India. Who said this? (a) Swami Vivekananda

(b) Mahatma Gandhi

(c) Rabindranath Tagore

(d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Swami Vivekananda

Who among the following was not the member of the Cabinet Mission which visited India in 1946? (a)

Lord Pethick Lawrence

(b) A.V. Alexander

(c) Sir Stafford Cripps

(d) Lord Mountbatten

Answer: A.V. Alexander

Who, amongst the following is associated with the Local Self-Government Act ? (a) Lord Cornwallis

(b) Lord Dalhousie

(c) William Bentick

(d) Lord Ripon

Answer: William Bentick

When Mahatma Gandhi set out on the Dandi march, he was accompanied, among others, by (a)

Jawaharlal Nehru and Sarojini Naidu

(b) Rajendra Prasad and Sarojini Naidu

- (c) Vallabhbhai Patel and Sarojini Naidu
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajendra Prasad

Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru and Sarojini Naidu

Raja Rammohan Roy's Brahmo Samaj rejected(a)  
Casteism

- (b) Ritualism
- (c) Idolism
- (d) All of the above

Answer: All of the above

In the early stages, the moderates in Indian National Congress sought political progress through (a)

Renouncing the titles conferred on them by British-ers

- (b) None of these
- (c) Boycotting the legislature and judiciary
- (d) Instigating violence

Answer: Boycotting the legislature and judiciary

Who said: Cowardice and ahimsa do not go together any more than water and fire ? (a) Mahatma Gandhi

- (b) Jayaprakash Narayan
- (c) Acharya Narendra Dev
- (d) Acharya Vinoba Bhave

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Who was the political guru of Gandhiji?(a) Dadabhai Naoroji

- (b) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer: Gopal Krishna Gokhale

In 1921, Chamber of Prince was established to(a) All of these

- (b) Organize the princes of India provinces
- (c) Demand self rule

(d) Support Gandhiji in Satyagraha

Answer: Organize the princes of India provinces

The Barrah dacoity was the first major venture of the revolutionary terrorists of the freedom movement in (a) The Madras Presidency

(b) Bombay- Karnataka

(c) Punjab

(d) East Bengal

Answer: East Bengal

Legislature of widow remarriage in India was first secured by

(a) K. Natarajan

(b) Maharshi Karve

(c) Pandita Ramabai

(d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

Answer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

Who led Quit India Movement in the absence of Mahatma Gandhi?

(a) Sardar Patel

(b) Aruna Asaf Ali

(c) Sarojini Naidu

(d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: Aruna Asaf Ali

A.O. Hume belongs to

(a) Germany

(b) Britain

(c) Indian Councils Act, 1892

(d) U.S.A.

Answer: Britain

The aim of the Swarajya party was to

(a) Boycott the Congress moves

- (b) Agitate for total freedom
- (c) Resort to extremism
- (d) Enter the legislature and wreck the government from within

Answer: Enter the legislature and wreck the government from within

On the death of Gandhiji, who said that the light has gone out of our lives?

- (a) Dr. S. Radhakrishna
- (b) Lord Mountbatten
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Answer: Jawaharlal Nehru

Give me blood, I will give you freedom. These words are attributed to

- (a) Subhash Bose
- (b) Veer Savarkar
- (c) Khudi Ram Bose
- (d) Bhagat Singh

Answer: Subhash Bose

## **Political History- Ancient Period**

What was the rate of land revenue as given in the dharma shastras?

- (a) 4-Jan
- (b) 8-Jan
- (c) 6-Jan
- (d) 3-Jan

Answer: 6-Jan



During the Gupta period of Indian history, the village affairs were managed by the village headman with the assistance of

- (a) Vishayapati
- (b) Amatya
- (c) Gopa
- (d) Mahattara

Answer: Vishayapati

Who was the first king to conquer Malwa, Gujarat and Maharashtra?

- (a) Skandagupta
- (b) Harshavardhana
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Chandragupta Maurya

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

Name the great Hindu King who combined in himself the qualities of Samudragupta and Ashoka?

- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Chandragupta II
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Chandragupta I

Answer: Harshavardhana

Who among the following was a great ruler of Kalinga in ancient times?

- (a) Kharavela
- (b) Mayurasarman
- (c) Bindusara
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Bindusara

The great Hindu law -giver was

- (a) Kautilya
- (b) Manu

- (c) Kapil
- (d) Banabhatta's

Answer: Manu

Which of the following is the correct chronological order ?

- (a) Guptas - Kushans - Mauryas - Sungas
- (b) Sungas - Mauryas - Guptas - Kushans
- (c) Mauryas - Sungas - Kushans - Guptas
- (d) Kushans - Guptas - Sungas - Mauryas

Answer: Mauryas - Sungas - Kushans - Guptas

Which of the following was an important port of the eastern coast during the Gupta period?

- (a) Kalyan
- (b) Sopara
- (c) Tamralipti
- (d) Broach

Answer: Tamralipti

The Arab conquest of Sindh took place in

- (a) 712 A.D. (b) 1009 A.D.
- (c) 740 A.D. (d) 1001 A.D.

Answer: 712 A.D.

Sakas were finally overthrown by

- (a) Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- (b) Devapala
- (c) Gautamiputra Satakarni
- (d) Kanishka

Answer: Gautamiputra Satakarni

Which of the following was a republic in sixth century B.C.?

- (a) Vrijian state

- (b) Magadha
- (c) Avanti
- (d) None of these

Answer: Vrijian state

In the sixth and fifth centuries B.C., the most remarkable king of the Haryanka line was?

- (a) Bimbisara
- (b) Sisunagas
- (c) Udayi
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Bimbisara

The Arthashastra is not concerned with

- (a) Administration of tests of loyalty to ministers.
- (b) Appointment of superintending officers for industries.
- (c) Appointment of superintending officers for agriculture
- (d) Assignment of lands to officers for their services.

The original name of the Kushanas was in

- (a) Chinese Turkistan
- (b) Arabia
- (c) Persia
- (d) Macedonia

Answer: Chinese Turkistan

Who among the following was not a Saka ruler?

- (a) Nagapana
- (b) Menander
- (c) Rudradaman
- (d) Sodassa

Answer: Menander

Maurya Empire declined after Ashoka mainly because of

- (a) Weak successors of Asoka
- (b) Decentralisation of powers
- (c) Ashoka's excessive patronage to Buddhism.
- (d) The policy of ahimsa leading to military weakness.

Answer: Weak successors of Asoka

The most commonly used coin, during the Mauryan period, was

- (a) Nishka
- (b) Karashapana
- (c) Suvarna
- (d) Kakini

Answer: Karashapana

The first monarch of Magadh kingdom in the sixth century B.C. was

- (a) Jarasandha
- (b) Bimbisara
- (c) Prasenajit
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Bimbisara

Chandragupta Maura's empire extended in the north-west upto

- (a) Indus
- (b) Sutlej
- (c) Hindukush
- (d) Ravi

Answer: Hindukush

Chandragupta Maurya overthrew the power of Nandas at

- (a) Taxila
- (b) Sravana Belgola
- (c) Ujjain
- (d) Magadha

Answer: Magadha

The official religion during the rule of the Sunga dynasty was

- (a) The Ajivika religion
- (b) Brahmanism
- (c) Buddhism
- (d) Jainism

Answer: Brahmanism

The Huna leader Mihirkula was defeated by

- (a) Rajyavardhana
- (b) Buddhagupta
- (c) Chandragupta
- (d) Yashodharman

Answer: Yashodharman

Who amongst the rulers of southern India were the contemporaries of kings of the Gupta Empire?

- (a) Rashtrakutas
- (b) Cholas
- (c) Vakatakas
- (d) Satavahanas

Answer: Satavahanas

The name by which Ashoka is generally referred to in his inscription is

- (a) Dharmakirti
- (b) Priyadarshi



(c) Dharmadeva

(d) Chakravarti

Answer: Priyadarshi

Hindu colonies were founded in the south-east Asian countries mostly during the period of

(a) The Cholas

(b) The Mauryas

(c) The Guptas

(d) The Rajputs

Answer: The Mauryas

Before ascending the Maurya throne, Ashoka served as a Viceroy of

(a) Taxila

(b) Kaushambi

(c) Tosali

(d) Patliputra

Answer: Taxila

After the Mauryas, the most important kingdom in Deccan and Central India was that of

(a) Vakatakas

(b) Satavahanas

(c) Pallavas

(d) Cholas

Answer: Satavahanas

The Kaulinya system was introduced in Bengal by

(a) Lakshmana Sena

(b) Vijaya Sena

(c) Hemanta Sena

(d) Ballala Sena

Answer: Hemanta Sena

Who amongst the following is credited by a Chinese pilgrim with having built the ancient city of Rajagriha, the modern Rajgir in Patna district?

- (a) Prasenajit
- (b) Bimbisara
- (c) Udayi
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Bimbisara

Pulakesin II was a contemporary of

- (a) Harsha
- (b) Chandragupta Maurya
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Ashoka

Answer: Harsha

In early ancient India, the largest urban centre was

- (a) Pataliputra
- (b) Kanauj
- (c) Taxila
- (d) Kausambi

Answer: Pataliputra

Which Saka ruler was responsible for important irrigation works in Saurashtra?

- (a) Nagapana
- (b) None of these
- (c) Menander
- (d) Rudradaman

Answer: Rudradaman

The most important kingdom in Deccan and Central India after the Mauryas was the

- (a) Pallavas

- (b) Satavahanas
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Vakatakas

Answer: Satavahanas

Which of the following dynasties ruled over Magadha in the 6th century B.C.?

- (a) Sisunagas
- (b) Haryanka
- (c) Mauryas
- (d) Nandas

Answer: Haryanka

Which of the following became the most important city of northern India under Harsha?

- (a) Thaneswar
- (b) Kanauj
- (c) Pataliputra
- (d) Ujjain

Answer: Kanauj

The most famous Indo-Greek ruler to rule over India, noted for his justice and popularity with his subjects, was

- (a) Menander
- (b) Demetrios
- (c) Rudradaman
- (d) Eukratides

Answer: Menander

The Arab conquest of Sindh took place in 712 A.D. under the leadership of

- (a) Muhammad bin Kasim
- (b) Qutub-ud-din
- (c) Subuktigin

(d) Mahmud Ghaznavid

Answer: Muhammad bin Kasim Chandragupta II  
fought war with the

(a) Sakas

(b) Parthians

(c) Huns

(d) Kushans

Answer: Sakas

The Gupta feudatories who became strong and independent in Gujarat were known as

(a) Yaudheyas

(b) Pundra Vardhanas

(c) Maitrakas

(d) Vakatakas

Answer: Maitrakas

Lichchavi princess Kumara Devi was married to

(a) Pravarasena

(b) Harshavardhana

(c) Chandragupta II

(d) Chandragupta I

Answer: Chandragupta I

Gondophernes belonged to

(a) The Saka dynasty

(b) The Satavahana dynasty

(c) The Kushana dynasty

(d) The Parthian dynasty

Answer: The Parthian dynasty

Rudradaman was one of the greatest

(a) Kushan rulers

(b) Pallava rulers

(c) Maurya rulers

(d) Saka rulers

Answer: Saka rulers

The ancient kingdom of Avanti had its capital at

- (a) Ayodhya
- (b) Ujjain
- (c) Vaishali
- (d) Pataliputra

Answer: Ujjain

The Ashokan inscription which gives an account of the Kalinga war and its effects is (a) Minor Rock Edict IV

- (b) Minor Rock Edict XIII
- (c) Girnar Rock Edict
- (d) Minor Rock Edict III

Answer: Minor Rock Edict XIII

The only ruler of India who ruled over territories in Central Asia beyond the Pamirs was

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Harsha
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Samudragupta

Answer: Kanishka

The great Royal Road mentioned by Megasthenes ran from

- (a) Prayag to Ujjaini
- (b) Pataliputra to Taxila
- (c) Pataliputra to Prayag
- (d) Indus to Pataliputra

Answer: Indus to Pataliputra

Who among the following is considered as the first national ruler of India?

- (a) Kanishka



- (b) Chandragupta Maurya
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Chandragupta I

Answer: Chandragupta Maurya

Which Gupta ruler had led a campaign to the south and was an expert Veena player?

- (a) Chandra Gupta Vikramaditya
- (b) Skanda Gupta
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Chandragupta I

Answer: Samudragupta

In which century did Ashoka reign?

- (a) Third century B.C.
- (b) Third century A.D.
- (c) Second century B.C.
- (d) Second century A.D.

Answer: Third century B.C.

The medium of exchange in gold during the Gupta period was known as the

- (a) Suvarna
- (b) Karshapana
- (c) Dinara
- (d) Damma

Answer: Suvarna

Ashoka's claim of greatness chiefly lay in the

- (a) Extensive conquests
- (b) Exclusive patronage to Buddhism
- (c) Strengthening of army
- (d) Promotion of welfare of his people

Answer: Promotion of welfare of his people

Kanishka's capital was at

- (a) Mathura
- (b) Peshawar
- (c) Amravati
- (d) Kanauj

Answer: Amravati

Which of the following rulers was adorned with the title of **Maharajadhiraja** (king of kings)?

- (a) Chandragupta Maurya
- (b) Ashoka
- (c) Chandragupta I
- (d) Kanishka

Answer: Kanishka

Ashoka's invasion of Kalinga resulted in?

- (a) Wealth and prosperity of Mauryan Empire.
- (b) Victory to the policy of war and territorial conquests.
- (c) The development of peace and non-violence as state policy.
- (d) Peaceful relations with Kalinga.

Answer: The development of peace and non-violence as state policy.

Who among the following has been called the Napoleon of India?

- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Samudragupta
- (c) Chandragupta
- (d) Ashoka

Answer: Samudragupta

Who amongst the following kings defeated Harsha's army on the bank of river Narmada?

- (a) Rajendra Chola
- (b) Pulakesin II
- (c) Krishnadeva Raya
- (d) Rajendra I

Answer: Pulakesin II

## **Political History- Kingdoms of South**

Who among the following was a Satavahana ruler?

- (a) Nagapana
- (b) Mahendravarman
- (c) Vasishthiputra Pulamayi
- (d) Rudradaman

Answer: Vasishthiputra Pulamayi

The political and cultural centre of the Pandyas was

- (a) Vengi
- (b) Mahabalipuram
- (c) Kanchipuram
- (d) Madurai

Answer: Madurai

Vijayanagara is compared to the Chola for?

- (a) Display of land revenue
- (b) System of land revenue
- (c) Rural local self government
- (d) Foreign conquests

Answer: Display of land revenue

Kanchi was the capital of?

- (a) Rashtrakutas
- (b) Cholas
- (c) Chalukyas
- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Pallavas

Krishnadevaraya's was the ruler of?

- (a) Bahmani
- (b) Vijayanagar
- (c) Pallava
- (d) Chola

Answer: Chola

Who was the founder of Sunga dynasty?

- (a) Bimbisara
- (b) Agnimitra
- (c) Pushyamitra
- (d) Ajatashatru

Answer: Pushyamitra

The Chola king who conquered the northern part of Sri Lanka and made it a province of his empire, was?

- (a) Adhirajendra
- (b) Rajaraja
- (c) Parantaka I
- (d) Rajendra I

Answer: Rajaraja

The Chola Empire reached its zenith under

- (a) Parantaka I
- (b) Rajendra Chola II
- (c) Rajaraja
- (d) Rajendra Chola I

Answer: Rajendra Chola I

The capital of Kakatiya dynasty was?

- (a) Hampi

- (b) Dwarasamudra
- (c) Warangal
- (d) Madurai

Answer: Warangal

Which of the following is the oldest dynasty?

- (a) Pallavas
- (b) Cheras
- (c) Chalukyas
- (d) Satavahanas

Answer: Satavahanas

The Chola ruler who subdued the Ganges and obtained the title Gangai Konda Cholan was

- (a) Kulottunga
- (b) Rajendra Chola I
- (c) Rajadhiraja Chola
- (d) Rajaraja Chola

Answer: Rajendra Chola I

Which of the following statements about Krishnadevaraya's is incorrect?

- (a) He founded a new city, Nagalapur in honour of his mother Nagaladevi.
- (b) After his death, there were struggles for succession as successors were incompetent.
- (c) He fought the Battle of Talikota.
- (d) He was an accomplished writer and poet.

Answer: He fought the Battle of Talikota.

The last ruler of Sunga dynasty was

- (a) Sujyeshtha



- (b) Vasudeva
- (c) Devabhuti
- (d) Bhaga

Answer: Vasudeva

Satavahanas belonged to

- (a) Konkan region
- (b) Kalinga
- (c) Andhra region
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: Andhra region

Which of the following was the lowest unit of Chola administration?

- (a) Mandalam
- (b) Valanadu
- (c) Kottam
- (d) Kurram

Answer: Kurram

Bahmani Kingdom in South India extinguished in the

- (a) End of 16th century
- (b) Later half of 17th century
- (c) Beginning of 17th century
- (d) Beginning of 16th century

Answer: Beginning of 16th century

The capital of Bahmani Kingdom was

- (a) Gulbarga
- (b) Ellichpur
- (c) Warangal
- (d) Devgiri

Answer: Gulbarga

The Kingdom of Vijayanagar came into existence during the reign of

- (a) Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq
- (b) Balban
- (c) Harshvardhana
- (d) Alauddin Khilji

Answer: Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq

The earliest evidence of Jewish community settling in India is provided by a charter of?

- (a) Chera King
- (b) Vijayanagara King
- (c) Chola King
- (d) Pandya King

Answer: Vijayanagara King

Harihara and Bukka, the founders of the Vijayanagara kingdom shaped the course of their conduct on the advice of

- (a) Vidyaranya
- (b) Tulsidas
- (c) Tukaram
- (d) Ramdas

Answer: Vidyaranya

The first ruling dynasty of Vijayanagara Kingdom was

- (a) Aravidu dynasty
- (b) Sangama dynasty
- (c) Saluva dynasty
- (d) Tuluva dynasty

Answer: Sangama dynasty

The special feature of the financial system of Vijayanagara was

- (a) Land tax
- (b) Currency system
- (c) Revenue from seaports
- (d) Surplus revenue

Answer: Revenue from seaports

The Bahmani Kingdom was founded by

- (a) Malik Kafur
- (b) Hasan
- (c) Timur
- (d) Zain-ul-Abidin

Answer: Hasan

A lot of details regarding the village administration under the Cholas is provided by the inscriptions at

- (a) Kanchipuram
- (b) Uttaramerur
- (c) Thanjavur
- (d) Uraiyur

Answer: Uttaramerur

Chalukya dynasty in South India was founded by

- (a) Bukka
- (b) Parantaka I
- (c) Pulakesin I
- (d) Harihara

Answer: Pulakesin

The dynasty that excelled itself as a naval power was that of the

- (a) Cholas
- (b) Hoysala

- (c) Cheras
- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Cholas

Pallava Kings were the devotees of

- (a) Vishnu
- (b) Shiva
- (c) Mahavira
- (d) Buddhacharita

Answer: Shiva

Bahmani Kingdom was founded by

- (a) Zain-ul-Abidin
- (b) Malik Kafur
- (c) Timur
- (d) Hason

Answer: Hason

Who amongst the following rulers of Southern India was/were the contemporaries of Harshavardhana?

- (a) Both (a) and (b)
- (b) Rajendra Chola
- (c) Pulakesin II of Chalukyas
- (d) Narasimhavarman of Pallavas

Answer: Both (a) and (b)

The founder of Vijayanagar kingdom was

- (a) Krishnadeva Raya
- (b) Narasimha Varman
- (c) Raja Raja
- (d) Harihara and Bukka

Answer: Harihara and Bukka

Which of the following kingdoms of South India was well known for its naval power?

- (a) Hoysala
- (b) Pandya
- (c) Chola
- (d) Chalukya

Answer: Chola

The power of the great Cholas was established by

- (a) Rajaraja I
- (b) Rajaraja
- (c) Kulottunga
- (d) Aditya

Answer: Aditya

Madurai was the capital of

- (a) Rashtrakutas
- (b) Pandyas
- (c) Cholas
- (d) Pallavas

Answer: Pandyas

Vijayanagar empire ruins are found in

- (a) Bijapur
- (b) Baroda
- (c) Golconda
- (d) Hampi

Answer: Hampi

Which of the following was a special feature of Chola administration?



- (a) Full powers to ministers in the rule
- (b) Cheap and proper tax collecting method
- (c) Autonomy for village administration
- (d) Division of empire into Mandalams

Answer: Autonomy for village administration

After the Mauryas the most important kingdom in the Deccan and Central India was that of the

- (a) Cholas
- (b) Pallavas
- (c) Satavahanas
- (d) Vakatakas

Answer: Satavahanas

Vikramashila University was founded by

- (a) Chandragupta Maurya
- (b) Pulakesin II
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Dharmapala

Answer: Dharmapala

Who amongst the following Chola Kings fought against the Shailendra King of Shri Vijaya and defeated him?

- (a) Sundar Chola
- (b) Rajaraja Chola I
- (c) Rajendra Chola
- (d) Parantaka I

Answer: Rajendra Chola

A Pala ruler who was raised to the throne by different sections of people was

- (a) Mahipala
- (b) Dharmapala

- (c) Devapala
- (d) Gopala

Answer: Gopala

In the Sangam age, Uraiyur was important for

- (a) Its being a great emporium of foreign trade.
- (b) Its being a great centre of indigenous trade.
- (c) Its being a great centre of cotton trade.
- (d) Its being a great centre of spice trade.

Answer: Its being a great centre of cotton trade.

The capital of Eastern Chalukyas was

- (a) Vatapi
- (b) Amravati
- (c) Nagarjunakonda
- (d) Vengi

Answer: Vengi

The Satavahana King who defeated the western Saka King, Nagapana was

- (a) Satakarni I
- (b) Vasishthiputra Pulamayi
- (c) Yajna Satakarni
- (d) Gautamiputra Satakarni

Answer: Gautamiputra Satakarni

In Krishnadevaraya's court, Ashtadiggajas were the

- (a) Eight great poets of his court.
- (b) Eight great scholars of his kingdom
- (c) Eight great ministers in his court
- (d) Eight elephants placed at eight corners of his capital.

Answer: Eight great poets of his court.

Nicolo Conti, the traveller who visited Vijayanagara kingdom in 1420 A.D., was

- (a) A Frenchman
- (b) An Italian
- (c) A Greek
- (d) A Russian

Answer: An Italian

The Arabs were established traders on the west coast of India and had the support of the rulers of Kerala. Which one of the following rulers first conducted a naval campaign on important Arab trade centres to check their monopoly?

- (a) Mahendravarman
- (b) Dantidurga
- (c) Rajaraja Chola
- (d) Chalukya Vikramaditya VI

Answer: Chalukya Vikramaditya VI