

ANCIENT HISTORY UPSC PRE 2020

1. With reference to the history of India, consider the following pairs :

Famous Place Present State

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| 1. Bhilsa - Madhya Pradesh | 2. Dwarasamudra - Maharashtra |
| 3. Girinagar - Gujarat | 4. Sthanesvara - Uttar Pradesh |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 and 4 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 2 and 4 only

Answer: a

2. With reference to the period of Gupta dynasty in ancient India, the towns Ghantasala, Kadura and Chaul were well known as

- (a) ports handling foreign trade
 (b) capitals of powerful kingdoms
 (c) places of exquisite stone art and architecture
 (d) important Buddhist pilgrimage centres

Answer: a

3. With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following pairs :

1. Parivrajaka - Renunciant and Wanderer
2. Shramana - Priest with a high status
3. Upasaka- Lay follower of Buddhism

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

4. With reference to the cultural history of India, which one of the following is the correct description of the term '**paramitas**'?

- (a) The earliest Dharmashastra texts written in aphoristic (sutra) style
 (b) Philosophical schools that did not accept the authority of Vedas
 (c) Perfections whose attainment led to the Bodhisattva path
 (d) Powerful merchant guilds of early medieval South India

Answer - (c) Perfections whose attainment led to the Bodhisattva path

5. With reference to the scholars/litterateurs of ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. Panini is associated with Pushyamitra Shunga.
2. Amarasimha is associated with Harshavardhana.
3. Kalidasa is associated with Chandra

Gupta - II. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer (c) 3 only

6. With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements

1. **Sthaviravadins** belong to Mahayana Buddhism.
2. Lokottaravadin sect was an off shoot of Mahasanghika sect of Buddhism
3. The deification of Buddha by Mahasanghikas fostered the Mahayana Buddhism.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer-(b) 2 and 3 only

7. With reference to the history of India, the terms "**kulyavapa**" and "**dronavapa**" denote

- (a) measurement of land (b) coins of different monetary value
 (c) classification of urban land (d) religious rituals

Answer-(a) measurement of land

8. Who among the following rulers advised his subjects through this inscription ?

"Whosoever praises his religious sect or blames other sects out of excessive devotion to his own sect, with the view of glorifying his own sect, he rather injures his own sect very severely."

- (a) Ashoka (b) Samudragupta (c) Harshavardhana (d) Krishnadeva Raya

Answer-(a) Ashoka

MEDIVEL HISTORY UPSC PRE 2020

1. Consider the following events in the history of India :

1. Rise of Pratiharas under King Bhoja
2. Establishment of Pallava power under Mahendravarman - I
3. Establishment of Chola power by Parantaka - I
4. Pala founded by Gopala

What is the correct chronological order of the above events, starting from the earliest time?

- (a) 2-1-4-3 (b) 3-1-4-2 (c) 2-4-1-3 (d) **3-4-1-2**

Answer

2. Which of the following phrases defines the nature of the '**Hundi**' generally referred to in the sources of the **post-Harsha period** ?

- (a) An advisory issued by the king to his subordinates
- (b) A diary to be maintained for daily accounts
- (c) A bill of exchange
- (d) An order from the feudal lord to his subordinates

Answer-(c) A bill of exchange

MODREN HISTORY UPSC PRE 2020

1. In the context of Indian history, the Rakhmabai case of 1884 revolved around

1. women's right to gain education
2. age of consent
3. restitution of conjugal rights

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

Answer-(b) 2 and 3 only

2. **Indigo cultivation in India** declined by the beginning of the 20th century because of

- (a) peasant resistance to the oppressive conduct of planters
- (b) its unprofitability in the world market because of new inventions
- (c) national leaders' opposition to the cultivation of indigo
- (d) Government control over the planters

Answer(b) its unprofitability in the world market because of new inventions

3. Wellesley established the **Fort William College at Calcutta** because

- (a) he was asked by the Board of Directors at London to do so
- (b) he wanted to revive interest in oriental learning in India
- (c) he wanted to provide William Carey and his associates with employment
- (d) he wanted to train British civilians for administrative purpose in India

Answer

d) he wanted to train British civilians for administrative purpose in India

4. With reference to the history of India, "**Ulgulan**" or the Great Tumult is the description of which of the following events ?

- (a) The Revolt of 1857
- (b) The Mappila Rebellion of 1921
- (c) The Indigo Revolt of 1859 - 60
- (d) Birsa Munda's Revolt of 1899-1900

Answer(d) Birsa Munda's Revolt of 1899-1900

5. With reference to the history of India, consider the following pairs:

1. Aurang - In-charge of treasury of the State
2. Banian - Indian agent of the East India Company
3. Mirasidar - Designated revenue payer to the State

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer

(b) 2 and 3 only

6. Which of the following statements correctly explains the impact of **Industrial Revolution** on

India during the first half of the nineteenth century ?

- (a) Indian handicrafts were ruined.
- (b) Machines were introduced in the Indian textile industry in large numbers.
- (c) Railway lines were laid in many parts of the country.
- (d) Heavy duties were imposed on the imports of British manufactures.

Answer

- (a) Indian handicrafts were ruined.

7. With reference to the book "**Desh** Katha" written by **Sakharam Ganesh Deuskar** during the freedom struggle, consider the following statements :

- 1. It warned against the Colonial State's hypnotic conquest of the mind.
- 2. It inspired the performance of swadeshi street plays and folk songs.
- 3. The use of 'desh' by Deuskar was in the specific context of the region of Bengal. Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer

8. The Gandhi-Irwin Pact included which of the following?

- 1. Invitation to Congress to participate in the Round Table Conference
- 2. Withdrawal of Ordinances promulgated in connection with the Civil Disobedience Movement
- 3. Acceptance of Gandhiji's suggestion for enquiry into police excesses .
- 4. Release of only those prisoners who were not charged with violence

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only (c) 3 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer-(b) 1, 2 and 4 only

9. The **Vital-Vidhvansak**, the first monthly journal to have the untouchable people as its target audience was published by

- (a) Gopal Baba Walangkar
- (b) Jyotiba Phule
- (c) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- (d) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

Answer(a) Gopal Baba Walangkar