

# History MCQs

## Chapter 2 Kings, Farmers and Towns: Early States and Economies

Q.1 Which of the following is not one of the main features of Ashoka's dhamma?

- (a) Respect the elders and be generous to the Brahmins.
- (b) Consider your religion superior to the other religions.
- (c) Gahapati should respect members of the family, relatives, servants, the poor, and the slaves.
- (d) Follow non-violence.

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- (b) Consider your religion superior to the other religions.

Q.2 What were the guilds of the merchants and craftsmen called?

- (a) Shrenis
- (b) Ur
- (c) Adimai
- (d) Uzhavar

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(a) ShrenisQ.3 What is James Prinsep's contribution in the development of the Indian epigraphy?

- (a) He deciphered the Brahmi script used in most of the Ashokan inscriptions.

- (b) He deciphered the Kharoshthi script used in most of the Ashokan inscriptions.
- (c) Both 'a' and 'b'
- (d) None of these

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Q.4 Ventures of which of the following traders were risky but highly profitable?

- (a) Peddlers
- (b) Seafarers
- (c) Merchants with caravans of bullock carts and pack-animals
- (d) All of the above

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- (b) Seafarers

Q.5 Who issued the first coins bearing the names of rulers?

- (a) Mauryas
- (b) Guptas
- (c) Indo-Greeks
- (d) Satavahanas

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- (c) Indo-Greeks

Q.6 Ashoka is mentioned by which titles in his inscriptions?

- (a) Ashoka, Piyadassi

- (b) Masattuwan, Ashoka
- (c) Devanampiya, Piyadassi
- (d) Devaputra, Piyadassi

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(c) Devanampiya, Piyadassi Q.7 Name the languages in which the Ashokan inscriptions were written.

- (a) Pali, Prakrit, and Greek
- (b) Pali, Sanskrit, and Aramaic
- (c) Prakrit, Aramaic, and Greek
- (d) Pali, Sanskrit, and Greek

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(c) Prakrit, Aramaic, and Greek

Q.8 What are big rocks kept on the burial in central and south India called?

- (a) Northern Black Polished Ware
- (b) Pillars
- (c) Boulders
- (d) Megaliths

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(d) Megaliths

Q.9 Who was Dhamma Mahamatta?

- (a) Special revenue officers appointed by Ashoka for tax collection

- (b) Special officers appointed by Ashoka for maintaining law and order in the kingdom
- (c) Special officers appointed by Ashoka to spread the message of dhamma
- (d) Special officer appointed by Ashoka to stop the spread of dhamma

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- (c) Special officers appointed by Ashoka to spread the message of dhamma

Q.10 Why is the sixth century BCE often considered a major turning point in Indian history?

- (a) Emergence of states, cities, and towns; Use of iron
- (b) Emergence of states, cities, and towns; Dominance of Hinduism
- (c) Dominance of Hinduism; Use of iron
- (d) Emergence of Buddhism and Jainism, Extensive use of Copper

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(a) Emergence of states, cities, and towns; Use of iron Q.11 Who composed the Prayag Prashasti in praise of Samudragupta?

- (a) Prabhavati Gupta
- (b) Harisena
- (c) Kautilya
- (d) Banabhatta

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- (b) Harisena

Q.12 Which of these was the most powerful Mahajanapada from 6th to 4th century BCE?

- (a) Kuru
- (b) Magadha

- (c) PanehaLa
- (d) Ciandhara

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- (b) Magadha

Q.13 Who appointed Dhamma Mahamatras?

- (a) Bimbisara
- (b) Samudraupta
- (e) Ashoka
- (d) Pandya

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- (e) Ashoka

Q.14 Who founded the Mauryan Empire?

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Chandragupta Maurys
- (c) Bindusara
- (d) Ajatashatru

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(b)Q.15 Sangam is a literature of \_ language.

- (a) Tamil
- (b) Malsyam

- (c) Sanskrit
- (d) Marathi

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- (a) Tamil

Q.16 Harishena was the court poet of \_\_\_

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

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- (a) Samudragupta

Q.17 Who deciphered Brahmi and Kharoshti scripts?

- (a) James Prinsep
- (b) Cunningham
- (c) Wheeler
- (d) John Marshall

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- (a) James Prinsep

Q.18 How many Mahajanapadas were there?

- (a) 17
- (b) 14

(c) 18

(d) 16

Ans=16

Q.19 Which was the first capital of Magadha?

(a) Pataliputra

(b) Kalinga

(c) Rajagaha

(d) None of the above

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(c) Rajagaha

Q.20 The earliest capital of Magadha was Rajagaha which means \_\_\_.

(a) house of the king

(b) house of the people

(c) house of the animals

(d) None of the above

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(a) house of the king

Q.21 Consider the following statements about the Mauryan Empire:

There were 5 major political centres in the Empire.

Megasthenes wrote about the Mauryan Empire in his book Indica.

Ashoka founded the Mauryan Empire in 321 B.C.

Ashoka used his resources to propagate Buddhism.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 1, 2 and 4

(e) 2, 3 and 4

(d) 1, 3 and 4

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(b) 1, 2 and 4