

1. Which one of the following ancient Indian records is the earliest royal order to preserve food-grains to be utilized during the crises in the country?

(a) **Sohgaura Copper-plate**  
 (b) Rummindei Pillar-edict of Ashoka  
 (c) Prayaga- prasasti  
 (d) Mehrauli Pillar inscription of Chandra

2. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

**List-I (Author) List-II (Text)**

A. Varahamihira 1. Prabandha Chintamani  
 B. Vishakhadatta 2. Mrichchha-Katikam  
 C. Sudraka 3. Brihat-Samhita  
 D. Bilhana 4. Devi-Chandraguptam  
 5. Vikramankadeva-Charita

**Codes:**

(a) A – 3; B – 4; C – 5; D – 2  
**(b) A – 3; B – 4; C – 2; D – 5**  
 (c) A – 5; B – 3; C – 4; D – 1  
 (d) A – 1; B – 3; C – 5; D – 2

3. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer:

**List-I List-II**  
 A. Vishakhadatta 1. Medicine  
 B. Varahamihira 2. Drama  
 C. Charaka 3. Astronomy  
 D. Brahmagupta 4. Mathematics

**Codes:**

(a) A – 1; B – 3; C – 4; D – 2  
 (b) A – 2; B – 1; C – 3; D – 4  
**(c) A – 2; B – 3; C – 1; D – 4**  
 (d) A – 3; B – 4; C – 1; D – 2

4. Which one of the following texts of ancient India allows divorce to a wife deserted by her husband?

(a) Kamasutra  
 (b) Manava Dharma Shastra  
 (c) Sukra Nitisara  
**(d) Arthashastra**

5. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

**List-I List-II**  
 A. Gupta 1. Badami  
 B. Chandella 2. Panamalai  
 C. Chalukya 3. Khajuraho  
 D. Pallava 4. Deogarh

**Codes:**

(a) **A – 4; B – 3; C – 1; D – 2**  
 (b) A – 4; B – 2; C – 3; D – 1  
 (c) A – 2; B – 3; C – 4; D – 1  
 (d) A – 3; B – 4; C – 1; D – 2

6. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer (using codes given below the lists)

**List-I (Eras) List-II (Reckoned from)**  
 A. Vikrama era 1. 3102 B.C.  
 B. Saka era 2. 320 A.D.  
 C. Gupta era 3. 78 A.D.

D. Kali era 4. 58 B.C.  
 5. 248 A.D.

**Codes:**

(a) A – 2; B – 4; C – 5; D – 1  
 (b) A – 1; B – 3; C – 2; D – 4  
 (c) A – 4; B – 5; C – 2; D – 3  
**(d) A – 4; B – 3; C – 2; D – 1**

7. Which of the following were common to both Buddhism and Jainism?

1. Avoidance of extremities of penance and enjoyment  
 2. Indifference to the authority of the Vedas  
 3. Denial of efficacy of rituals  
 4. Non-injury to animal life

Select the answer using the codes given below:

**Codes:**

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

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

1. Aurang: In-charge of treasury of the State  
 2. Baniyan: 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

9. **With reference to the Coastal Ecosystem, consider the following statements:**

1. The coastal ecosystems occur where the land meets the sea and that includes only mangrove forest and coral reefs.  
 2. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services has carried out coastal vulnerability assessments for the entire Indian coast at state level.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

(a) 1 only  
**(b) 2 only**  
 (c) Both 1 and 2  
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

10. **Consider the following statements regarding Himalayan region:**

1. The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories.  
 2. 'Glaciers of the Himalayas: Climate Change, Black Carbon, and Regional Resilience' is a report released by the IUCN.

3. The 'Mission Butterfly' is related to the Nainital town of Uttarakhand state.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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



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