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**Q1.**

**Directions:**

The following questions consist of two statements, Statement I and Statement II. You are to examine these two statements carefully and select the answers to these questions using the codes given below Codes

**Statement I:** Mahavira initially joined a group of ascetics called Nirgranthas.

**Statement II:** The sect was founded 200 years earlier by Parsva.

- a) Both the statements are true, but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I
  - b) Statement I is true, but Statement II is false
  - c) Statement I is false, but Statement II is true
  - d) Both the statements are true and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I
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**Q2.** What is Kalyan Mitra in Buddhist philosophy?

- a) Dharmachakra
  - b) Prabandhan
  - c) Triratna
  - d) Astangika Marg
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**Q3.** The Doctrine of Karma in Buddhism means:

- a) doing one's duty without bothering about the result
  - b) predestination
  - c) the justification for social and economic inequalities in life
  - d) the deeds of a person determine the state of his life
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**Q4.** The Jain Tirthankara Mahavira has been mentioned in the early Buddhist literature as

- a) Vardhamana
- b) Nigantha Nataputta
- c) Videhaputta
- d) Vesaliya

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**Q5.** What were the 'Four Great Signs' that according to Buddhist tradition led Gautama to renounce the world?

- a) None of the above.
- b) Love, compassion, non-injury, purity
- c) Old age, diseased person, dead body, an ascetic
- d) That the world is full of suffering, desire and crave for existence, renunciation of desire, cycle of births and re-birth

**Q6.** Who among the following teachers were visited by Siddhartha Gautama in the quest of knowledge before his enlightenment?

1. Alara Kalama
2. Udraka Ramaputra
3. Makkhali Gosala
4. Nigantha Nataputta

Indicate your answer from the codes given below: Codes:

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

**Q7.** The Jainas believe that Jainism is the outcome of the teachings of 24 tirthankaras. In the light of this statement, which one among the following is correct of Vardhamana Mahavira?

- a) He was not one of the 24 tirthankaras
  - b) He was the first tirthankara and the founder of Jainism
  - c) He was the 23rd tirthankara, the first 22 tirthankaras being considered legendary
  - d) He was the last and 24th tirthankara, who was not considered as the founder of the new faith but as a reformer of the existing religious sect
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**Q8.** Who among the following was King of Magadha, at the time of Mahaparinirvana of Gautam Buddha?

- a) Chandragupta Maurya
  - b) Bimbisara
  - c) Udayi
  - d) Ajatshatru
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**Q9.** In which language, did Mahavir Swami deliver his sermons?

- a) Ardha-Magadhi
  - b) Sanskrit
  - c) Suraseni
  - d) Vaidarbhi
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**Q10.** In which Jain council, Jain dharm was divided in Svetamber and Digamber?

- a) Second council
  - b) First council
  - c) Fourth council
  - d) Third council
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**Q11.** Consider the following statements:

**Assertion (A):** Gautam Buddha spent the maximum number of rainy seasons of Saravasti

**Reason (R):** Prasenjit, the ruler of Kosala and Gautam Buddha were of the same age. Codes:

- a) A is false, but R is true
  - b) A is true, but R is false
  - c) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
  - d) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
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**Q12.** The Stupa site not connected with any incident of Buddha's life is

- a) Sanchi
- b) Sarnath
- c) Bodhgaya
- d) Kushinagar

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**Q13.** Consider the following statements

1. The Jains believed that Mahavira had twenty-three predecessors.
2. Parshvanatha was the twenty-third Tirthankara.
3. Rishava was the immediate successor of Mahavira.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 and 3
  - b) Only 2
  - c) Only 3
  - d) 1 and 2
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**Q14.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer by from the codes given below the lists:

List I	List II
(Tirthankara)	(Birthplace)
A. Rishabhanatha	1. Kashi
B. Sambhavanatha	2. Kausambi
C. Padmanabha	3. Saravasti
D. Parashvanath	4. Ayodhya

Codes: A B C D

a) 4 3 2 1

b) 3 4 1 2

c) 2 3 4 1

d) 1 2 3 4

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**Q15.** Who was the last Tirthankara ?

a) Aristnemi

b) Mahavir Swami

c) None of these

d) Parshvanath

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

**Q2. Answer: (d)**

Astangika Marg is Kalyan Mitra in Buddhist philosophy.

Buddha's Astangika Marga are:

- Right belief,

- Right thought,
- Right speech,
- Right action,
- Right living,
- Right effort,
- Right recollection and
- Right meditation.

**Q3. Answer: (d)**

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**Q4. Answer: (b)**

In the Buddhist Pali Canon, Mahavira is referred to as Nigantha Nataputta. Nigantha Nataputta refers to. A Nirgrantha refers to Jains. A person who has attained Kevalya can be a Nirgrantha.

**Q5. Answer: (c)**

**Q6. Answer: (a)**

Gautama studied under various teachers and followed their practices until he mastered them all. His first teacher was Alara Kalama who taught a form of meditation leading to an exalted form of absorption called "the state of no-thingness", a state without moral or cognitive dimension.

Gautama saw this was not going to solve suffering, and continued his search. The next teacher was Udraka Ramaputra who taught him meditative absorption leading to "the state of neither perception nor non-perception".

Again, Gautama realised this was not the state he was looking for. (Both Alara and Udraka are by some scholars considered to be Jain followers.)

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

**Q8. Answer: (d)**

**Q9. Answer: (a)**

Mahavir Swami delivered his first sermon in the language of the common people called Ardha Magadhi and Prakrit.

**Q10. Answer: (b)**

The first Jain council (conference) of monks was held in Pataliputra about 160 years after Lord Mahavira's nirvana. Monk Bhadrabahu, who had the knowledge of all 12 Angas, could not be present at that meeting.

The rest of the monks could compile only the first eleven Angas by recollection and thus, the twelfth Anga was lost. The monks from the South did not agree with this compilation, and the first split in Jainism started.

Jains divided into two main groups, Svetambaras and Digambaras. Svetambara monks wore white clothes. Digambara monks did not wear any clothes at all.

**Q11. Answer: (c)**

It is believed that Buddha spent 25 rainy seasons in Sravasti of which 19 he spent in the Jetavana Monastery and six in the Pubbarama monastery.

It is also the place where he gave the maximum number of discourses and instructions. Prasenjit, the Kosala king, was the contemporary of Gautama Buddha.

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

Sanchi is the oldest extant Buddhist sanctuary. Although Buddha never visited the site during any of his former lives or during his earthly existence.

**Q13. Answer: (d)**

**Q14. Answer: (a)**

List of 24 Tirthankars and their birthplaces:

Name	Birth Place
1. Rishabha (Adinath)	Ayodhya
2. Ajitnath	Ayodhya
3. Sambhavanath	Sravasti
4. Abhinandannath	Ayodhya



5. Sumatinath	Ayodhya
6. Padmabrabha	Kausambhi
7. Suparshvanath	Kasi (Banaras)
8. Chandraprabha	Chandrapuri
9. Pushpadanta (Suvidhinatha)	Kakandi
10. Shiatnath	Bhadrikapuri
11. Shreyansanath	Simhapuri
12. Vasupujya	Champapuri
13. Vimalnath	Kampilya
13. Vimalnath	Kampilya
14. Anantnath	Ayodhya
15. Dharmanath	Kampilya
16. Shantinath	Hastinapura
17. Kunthunath	Hastinapura
18. Aranath	Hastinapura
19. Malinath	Mithilapuri
20. Munisuvrata	Kusagranagara (Rajgrih)
21. Naminatha	Mithilapuri (Mathura)
22. Neminatha	Sauripura (Dwarka)
23. Parsvanatha	Kasi (Banaras)
24. Mahavira (Vardhamana)	Kundapura

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

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