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**Q1.** A Kushan Devakula was found in the vicinity of

- a) Mathura
  - b) Jalandhar
  - c) Sialkot
  - d) Multan
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**Q2.** The dhamma mahamattas (dharma mahamatras) appointed by Ashoka were entrusted with the job of:

- a) All the above
  - b) Checking the abuses in the administration of justice
  - c) Management of the welfare activities of the state
  - d) The moral uplift of the people through propagation of dhamma
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**Q3.** Which one among the following statements is not correct?

- a) The artists of the Amravati School of Arts mainly used white marble
  - b) Gandhara School of Arts owed its origin to the Indo- Greek rulers but the real patrons of the school were the Kushans, especially Kanishka
  - c) The Graeco-Roman architectural impact modified the structure of the Buddhist Stupas
  - d) Rich carving, elaborate ornamentations and complex symbolism were not the main features of the Gandhara sculpture
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**Q4.** Vijayapuri the capital of Ikshvakus is represented by

- a) Nagarjunakonda

- b) Madurai
- c) Kanheri
- d) Paithan

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**Q5.** Kautilya's Arthashastra deals with the aspects of

- a) Social life
- b) Economic life
- c) Religious life
- d) Political policies

**Q6.** Which of the following Ashokan inscriptions is devoted to the principle of religious tolerance completely?

- a) Pillar inscription VII
- b) Rock Edict XIII
- c) Rock Edict XII
- d) Bhabru Minor Rock Edict

**Q7.** Which of the following statements are correct?

1. The manuscript of Arthashastra was first discovered by R. Shama Sastri in 1904.
2. The Arthashastra contains 15 books and 180 chapters
3. The Mudrarakshasa written by Visakadatta is a drama in Sanskrit.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

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

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**Q8.** Who was the author of Arthashastra?

- a) Kautilya
  - b) Vasudeva
  - c) Megasthenes
  - d) Vishakhadutta
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**Q9.** Who of the following officers were charged with superintendence of women?

- a) Antahpur-adhyakshas
  - b) Dhamma-mahamattas
  - c) Anta-mahamattas
  - d) Ithijhakha-mahamattas
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**Q10.** The book Indica was written by

- a) Kalidas
  - b) Seleucas
  - c) Megasthenes
  - d) Pliny
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**Q11.** Consider the following statements and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- **Assertion (A):** Gautimputra Satakarni was opposed to the system of four Varanas.
- **Reason (R):** Gautmiputra Satakarni provided patronage to Buddhist monks.

Codes:

- a) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
  - b) A is true, but R is false
  - c) A is false, but R is true
  - d) Both A and R are true, R is the correct explanation of A
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**Q12.** Which of the following languages was used in Ashoka's Edicts?

- a) Sanskrit
- b) Vasudeva
- c) Brahmi
- d) Pali

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**Q13.** Who among the following kings was a contemporary of both Mahavira and Buddha ?

- a) Ashoka
- b) Ajatshatru
- c) Bimbisara
- d) Nandivardhana

**Q14.** The Gujarra minor rock edict, on which the name of Ashoka is mentioned, is located in

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Bihar

**Q15.** Which one of the following texts of ancient India allows divorce to a wife deserted by her husband?

- a) Sukra Nitisara
- b) Kamasutra
- c) Arthashastra

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### Answers to the above questions :

#### Q1. Answer: (a)

The family temple (Devakula in Sanskrit) of the Kushan royal family was where patron deity or deities of the Kushanas should be worshipped. Two Devakulas so far discovered, one at Surkh Kotal in South Bactria (Afghanistan) and another one at Mat near Mathura in north India.

The Devakulas contained sculptures of Kushan rulers Kanishka and others.

#### Q2. Answer: (a)

#### Q3. Answer: (c)

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**Q4. Answer: (a)**

Ikshvakus were one of the earliest recorded ruling dynasties of the Krishna-Guntur regions of Andhra Pradesh. Their capital Vijayapuri is represented by Nagarjunakonda.

**Q5. Answer: (d)**

Kautilya's Arthashastra is the most important work on Public Administration in ancient India. It deals with different aspects of management which include strategic management, financial management, accounting, human resource management, corporate governance, social responsibility, etc.

**Q6. Answer: (c)**

The Rock edict XII of Ashoka inscriptions is devoted to the principle of religious tolerance completely. Ashoka pleaded for tolerance of different religious sects in an attempt to create a sense of harmony.

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

Arthashastra in Sanskrit was written by Kautilya, a contemporary of Chandragupta Maurya. Kautilya was also called 'Indian Machiavelli'. The manuscript of Arthashastra was first discovered by R. Shama Sastri in 1904.

The Arthashastra contains 15 books and 180 chapters but it can be divided into three parts: the first deals with the king and his council and the departments of government;

the second with civil and criminal law; and the third with diplomacy and war. It is the most important literary source for the history of the Mauryas.

The Mudrarakshasa was written during the Gupta period, but it describes how Chandragupta with the assistance of Kautilya overthrew the Nandas. It also gives a picture of the socio-economic condition under the Mauryas.

**Q8. Answer: (a)**

**Q9. Answer: (d)**

**Q10. Answer: (c)**

The Greek author Megasthenes wrote 'Indica'. During Alexander's invasion in the western part of India around 300 Christian eras, Megasthenes came to India.

Indica is the most authentic book to know about the Mauryan period and the regime of Chandragupta Maurya.

**Q11. Answer: (c)**

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

**Q13. Answer: (c)**

**Q14. Answer: (c)**

Gujarra edict is located north of the village Gujarrā at the foot of a low hill locally known as Siddham ki Todiya. It was discovered in 1953 CE. Gujarrā is located near the town of Datia in Madhya Pradesh. The edict here refers Ashoka with his personal name.

**Q15. Answer: (c)**

According to the social law of ancient India, a woman was always considered a minor. Divorce was prohibited, although it sometimes took place.

According to the Arthashastra, a wife who had been deserted by her husband could seek a divorce.

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