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Q1. In which of the following edicts/inscriptions does Ashoka express his faith in the Buddhist creed?

- a) Rummindei Inscription
 - b) Schism Edict
 - c) Kandahar Inscription
 - d) Bhabru Edict
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Q2. In Maurya empire, province was known as

- a) Ahar
 - b) Chakra
 - c) Mandal
 - d) Vishaya
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Q3. Which was the capital of Kanishka?

- a) Purushapura
 - b) Mathura
 - c) Pataliputra
 - d) Gandhar
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Q4. Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was written from right to left?

- a) Pali
- b) Kharoshti

c) Brahmi

d) Prakrit

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Q5. The last Mauryan emperor was

a) Samprati

b) Kunal

c) Jalok

d) Brihadratha

Q6. In which of the following edicts did Ashoka order that “whosoever monk or nun breaks up the Sangha, after being clothed in white garments, shall take up abode in a place other than a monastery”?

a) The Queen’s Edict

b) Sarnath Edict

c) Sanchi Edict

d) Kausambi Edict

Q7. Given below are two statements and select the correct answer from the codes given below—

- **Assertion (A):** The traders usually moved in caravans.
- **Reason (R):** Dangers and uncertainties involved in long-distance travel compelled them to go together.

a) If both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.

b) If A is correct but R is wrong.

c) If A is wrong but R is correct.

d) If both A and R are correct, R being the correct explanation of A.

Q8. Kumara Gupta I was succeeded by

- a) Skanda gupta
 - b) Chandra gupta II
 - c) Samundra gupta
 - d) Budha gupta
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Q9. Which of the following supposed causes of decline and disintegration of the Mauryan Empire is the least likely?

- a) Absence of national consciousness and representative institutions
 - b) Succession of weak kings after Ashoka and the partition of the empire after Ashoka
 - c) Brahmanical revolt against the pro-Buddhist policy of Ashoka
 - d) Military inactivity on account of Ashoka's pacifist policies
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Q10. Who of the following has mentioned on the absence of slavery in Maurya period?

- a) Vishakhadatta
 - b) Megasthenes
 - c) Kautilya
 - d) Justin
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Q11. Which of the following was not one of the contributions of Ashoka to India polity and culture?

- a) Reform in criminal justice and revolutionary changes in the social system
 - b) Political and cultural unification of the country
 - c) A non-aggressive foreign policy based on equality between the big and small states
 - d) Religious toleration and promotion of communal harmony
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Q12. Which of the following mentions about the meeting of Sandrokottas (Chandragupta Maurya) with Alexander the Great?

- a) Strabo
- b) Pliny
- c) Justin
- d) Megasthenese

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Q13. Which of the following steps was not taken by Ashoka to promote and patronise Buddhism?

- a) He took a great deal of personal interest in the welfare of the monks and the nuns
- b) He erected a commemorative pillar at the place where the Buddha was said to have been born
- c) He got thousands of dissenter monks expelled from the Ashokarama monastery
- d) Lumbini was made free of religious cess and revenue was reduced to only one-eighth share (of the produce)

Q14. Which of the following is not one of the broad categories into which the edicts issued by Ashoka can be divided?

- a) Edicts issued for the propagation of dhamma
- b) Public pronouncements meant for his subjects
- c) Pronouncement explaining the philosophy of Buddhism and its relevance in day-to day life
- d) Personal epistles directed to the Sangha

Q15. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists :

List I	List II
A. Shunga	1. Prawarsen-I

B. Kanva	2. Kharvela
C. Chedi	3. Vasudeva
D. Vakataka	4. Bhagbhadra

Select the correct answer from the codes given below: Codes: A B C D

a) 2 3 4 1

b) 4 3 2 1

c) 3 4 2 1

d) 1 3 4 2

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (b)

Q3. Answer: (a)

Kanishka was the king of the Kushan dynasty that ruled over the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, Afghanistan, and possibly regions north of Kashmir in Central Asia. His territory was administered from two capitals Purushapura (now Peshawar in northwestern Pakistan) and Mathura, in northern India.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

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Q5. Answer: (d)

Brihadratha Maurya was the last ruler of the Mauryan dynasty. He ruled from 187–180 BC. He was killed by his senapati (commander-in-chief), Pushyamitra Sunga.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (a)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (c)

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