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**Q1.** Where did the 16 Janapadas were mentioned?

- a) Brahmanas
  - b) Buddhist Scripts
  - c) Aryanakas
  - d) Jaina Scriptures
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**Q2.** In the Mahayana Buddhism, the Bodhisatva Avalokitesvara was also known as:

- a) Manjusri
  - b) Vajrapani
  - c) Padmapani
  - d) Maitreya
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**Q3.** Consider the following statements:

- The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in Anguttara Nikaya.
- Asmaka Mahajanapada was situated on the bank of Godavari.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
  - b) 1 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 nor 2
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**Q4.** Chandra Gupta Maurya defeated Nandas with the help of?

- a) Aswaghosa
- b) Chanakya
- c) Harisena
- d) Jayasimha

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**Q5.** The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in

- a) Chhandogya Upanishad
- b) Mahabharata
- c) Samyukta Nikaya
- d) Anguttara Nikaya

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**Q6.** The kingdom which was most powerful among the Shodasa Mahajanapadas ?

- a) Magadha
- b) Anga
- c) Kosala
- d) Vajji

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**Q7.** The dynasties which ruled Magadha were

- a) Saisunagas
  - b) Haryanka
  - c) Nandas
  - d) All of above
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**Q8.** Which one of the following statements about ancient Indian Mahajanapadas is correct?

- a) All Mahajanapadas were located in Eastern India
  - b) No army was maintained by the Mahajanapadas
  - c) Buddhist and Jaina texts list sixteen Mahajanapadas
  - d) All Mahajanapadas were oligarchies where power was exercised by a group of people
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**Q9.** Consider the following statements:

- The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in Anguttara Nikaya.
- Asmaka Mahajanapada was situated on the bank of Godawari.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
  - b) Both 1 and 2
  - c) Neither 1 nor 2
  - d) 1 only
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**Q10.** Arrange the following Magadha dynasties in the chronological order:

- Nandas
- Sungas
- Mauryas
- Haryanks

Codes:

- a) 3, 2, 1, 4
  - b) 2, 1, 4, 3
  - c) 1, 3, 4, 2
  - d) 4, 1, 3, 2
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**Q11.** Name of the Mahajanapada, which was a confederacy of eight republican clans?

- a) Magadha

- b) Vajji
  - c) Malla
  - d) Vatsa
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**Q12.** In sixth century BC, Suktimati was the capital of

- a) Kuru
- b) Panchala
- c) Chedi
- d) Avanti

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**Q13.** Name of the Mahajanapada, which was a confederacy of eight republican clans?

- a) Magadha
  - b) Vatsa
  - c) Vajji
  - d) Malla
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**Q14.** With reference to Mahajanapad as consider the statements:

- Anga and Magadha were located in the wheat growing area of the Gangetic Valley
- In agricultural output, rice exceeded wheat leading to a greater density of population in the rice growing area.

Which of the above is / are not correct ?

- a) 2 only
  - b) Both 1 and 2
  - c) Neither 1 nor 2?
  - d) 1 only
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**Q15.** By whom, the first republic of the world was established in Vaishali?

- a) Nand
- b) Licchavi
- c) Gupta
- d) Maurya

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (d)**

**Q2. Answer: (c)**

Avalokitesvara is a Bodhisattva who embodies the compassion of all Buddhas. He is one of the more widely revered bodhisattvas in mainstream Mahayana Buddhism. In Sanskrit, Avalokitesvara is also referred to as Padmapâni ("Holder of the Lotus") or Lokeśvara ("Lord of the World").

**Q3. Answer: (c)**

The list of sixteen Mahajanapadas is available in Anguttara Nikaya. Asmaka Mahajanapada was situated on the bank of river Godavari.

The Anguttara Nikaya, the fourth division of the Sutta Pitaka, consists of several thousand suttas arranged in eleven books (nipatas) according to numerical content.

An excellent modern print translation of the complete Anguttara Nikaya is Bhikkhu Bodhi's The Numerical Discourses of the Buddha:

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**Q4. Answer: (b)**

**Q5. Answer: (d)**

The ancient Buddhist text Anguttara Nikaya gives the list of sixteen Mahajanapadas includes the Gandhara and the Kamboja as the only two salient Mahajanapadas in the Uttarapatha. Another Buddhist text Digha Nikaya mentions only twelve Mahajanapadas.

**Q6. Answer: (a)**

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

**Q8. Answer: (c)**

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

**Q10. Answer: (d)**

In chronological order, Magadha dynasties are Haryanks, Nandas, Mauryas and Sungas. Haryanka dynasty founded the Magadha empire in 600 BC, whose capital was Rajagriha, later Pataliputra, near the present day Patna. This dynasty lasted until 424 BC, when it was overthrown by the Shishunaga dynasty.

**Q11. Answer: (b)**

**Q12. Answer: (c)**

Chedi kingdom was one among the many kingdoms ruled during early periods by Paurava kings in the central and western India. Suiktimati was the capital of Chedi.

**Q13. Answer: (c)**

**Q14. Answer: (d)**

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

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