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Q1. Which one territory of the following was not a part of Ashoka's empire?

- a) Bihar
 - b) Kalinga
 - c) Afghanistan
 - d) Sri Lanka
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Q2. Assertion (A):

Ashoka annexed Kalinga to the Mauryan Empire.

Reason (R):

Kalinga controlled the land and sea routes to South India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) Both (A,) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A,)
 - b) (A,) is false, but (R) is true
 - c) Both (A,) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A,)
 - d) (A,) is true, but (R) is false
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Q3. Ceylon became a stronghold of which among the following branches of Buddhism?

- a) Mahayan
 - b) Theravada
 - c) Hinayan
 - d) Mahendra
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Q4. During the period of Bindusara, Ashoka served as the Viceroy of

- a) Ujjain
- b) Taxila and Ujjain
- c) Suvarnagiri
- d) Tosali

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Q5. Ashoka himself considered his policy of dhamma as:

- a) The essence of original Buddhism as preached by the Buddha
- b) The essence of all religions or the common religion of mankind
- c) A way of life which was both practical and convenient as well as highly moral
- d) The ideal of virtuous life based on moral teachings of various thinkers

Q6. Ashokan inscriptions of Mansehra and Shahbazgardi are written in

- a) Prakrit language, Kharoshthi script
- b) Aramaic language, Kharoshthi script
- c) Prakrit language, Brahmi script
- d) Prakrit-Aramaic language, Brahmi script

Q7. The most informative source about Mauryan administration is?

- a) Indica
- b) Buddhist Chronicles
- c) Arthashastra
- d) Ashokan Inscriptions

Q8. Which one of the following statements regarding Ashokan stone pillars is incorrect?

- a) These are monolithic
 - b) These are parts of architectural structures
 - c) These are highly polished
 - d) The shaft of pillars is tapering in shape
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Q9. In which of the following inscriptions the name of 'Ashoka' has been mentioned?

- a) Rock Edict XIII
 - b) Minor Rock Edict of Maski
 - c) Bhabru Edict
 - d) Rummindei Pillar Inscription
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Q10. Bulandibagh was ancient site of

- a) Pataliputra
 - b) Varanasi
 - c) Kapilavastu
 - d) Vaishali
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Q11. The King of Kalinga Kharavela was related to which of the following dynasty?

- a) Kadamba
 - b) Haryanka
 - c) Chedi
 - d) Kalinga
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Q12. Which of the following was not the result of the Kalinga War?

- a) The number of casualties of combatants and noncombatants is stated to have been around four lakhs
- b) The strength of the Mauryan army was curtailed
- c) The cruel consequences of war revolutionized the personality and public policies of Ashoka
- d) He wages no wars after the Kalinga War

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Q13. Which of the following metals were mostly used for minting coins during the Mauryan period?

- a) Bronze and gold
- b) Lead and silver
- c) Gold and lead
- d) Silver and copper

Q14. Assertion (A):

The Mauryan kings did not bestow land grants on a religious basis.

Reason (R):

The peasants revolted against land grants.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) Both (A,) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A,)
- b) (A,) is false, but (R) is true
- c) Both (A,) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A,)
- d) (A,) is true, but (R) is false

Q15. The Inscription which proves Chandragupta's way over Western India is

- a) Girnar Rock Inscription of Ashoka

- b) Sopara Rock Inscription of Ashoka
- c) Kalinga Rock Inscription
- d) Junagarh Rock Inscription of Rudradaman

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (c)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Mansehra and Shahbazgadhi inscriptions of ashoka are written in Aramaic language, Kharoshthi script. Shahbaz Garhi is an historic site located in Mardan District in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. Mansehra is located in Mansehra District, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan.

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (b)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (c)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (d)

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