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Q1. In which of the following inscription mentioned Chandragupta and Ashoka both?

- a) Junagarh inscription of Mahakshatrapa Rudradaman
 - b) Junagarh inscription of Skandgupta
 - c) Nasik inscription of Gautami putra Shatkarni
 - d) Girnar inscription of Ashoka
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Q2. The Brahmi Script was first deciphered by letters inscribed on

- a) Seal
 - b) Coins
 - c) Stone tablets
 - d) Pillars
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Q3. Which one of the following is not correctly matched?

List - I (**Dynasties**) - List - II (**Metals of coin**)

- a) Gupta - Gold and Silver
 - b) Kalachuris - Gold, Silver and Copper
 - c) Kushanas - Gold and Copper
 - d) Satavahanas - Gold
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Q4. Which one among the following statements about Ashokan edicts is correct?

- a) The Pillar edicts were located in all parts of the empire
- b) The Greek or Aramaic edicts are versions or translations of the texts used in other edicts

- c) The edicts give details of his personal concerns but are silent on events of the empire
- d) The subject of inscribed matter on Rock edicts differs completely with that of the Pillar edicts

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Q5. Who of the following mentions about the meeting of Sandrokottos (Chandragupta Maurya) with Alexander, the Great?

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

Q6. Which one of the following officials was not a part of the Mauryan administration?

- a) Yukta
- b) Rajjuka
- c) Agraharika
- d) Pradeshika

Q7. Which one of the following Ashokan inscription is in 'Kharosthi' script?

- a) Girnar
 - b) Meerut
 - c) Khalsi
 - d) Shahbazgarhi
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Q8. Assertion (A):

India was first invaded by Greeks

Reason (R):

Pushed by the Scythian tribes, the Bactrian Greeks were forced to invade India

- a) A is false but R is true
 - b) A is true but R is false
 - c) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - d) Both A and R are individually true but R is not the the correct explanation of A
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Q9. Pre-Ashokan Brahmi script was found at

- a) Anuradhapura
 - b) Maski
 - c) Nagarjunakonda
 - d) Brahmagiri
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Q10. The Gujarra minor rock edict, in which the name of Ashoka is mentioned, is located in

- a) Datia district of Madhya Pradesh
 - b) Champaran district of Bihar
 - c) Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh
 - d) Jaipur district of Rajasthan
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Q11. To the classical Greek writers, Lord Krishna was known as

- a) Sandrokottas
 - b) Androkottas
 - c) Heracles
 - d) Sauraseni
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Q12. The head of a district (Ahara), the principal coordinator of the revenue and the officer incharge of general and military functions in his jurisdiction during Mauryan empire was known as

- a) Krori
- b) Chirastadar
- c) Rajuka
- d) Foujdar

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Q13. Consider the following statements

- The last Mauryan ruler, Brihadratha was assassinated by his commander-in-chief Pushyamitra Sunga.
- The last Sunga king, Devabhuti was assassinated by his Brahman minister Vasudeva Kanva who usurped the throne.

- a) 1 only
- b) Neither 1 nor 2
- c) 2 only
- d) Both 1 and 2

Q14. What is the most significant difference in the message of the pillar Edicts as compared to the Rock Edicts?

- a) The main stress in the Pillar Edicts is on social welfare measure
- b) Rock Edicts are addressed to common people and Pillar Edicts to the Buddhist order
- c) There is a hint of fanaticism about dhamma and of megalomania in the Pillar Edicts
- d) The Pillar Edicts are mainly devoted to the moral aspects of dhamma and Ashoka's attachment to Buddhism

Q15. In which year, the coronation of Kushan King Kanishka was held?

- a) 101 A.D.
- b) 78 A.D.
- c) 178 B.C.
- d) 58 B.C.

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (c)

The edicts focus on social and moral precepts rather than religious practices or the philosophical dimension of Buddhism. Major themes are Ashoka's conversion to Buddhism, the description of his efforts to spread Buddhism, his moral and religious precepts, and his social and animal welfare programs.

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (c)

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (c)

In District administration, each district was administered by 3 officers viz. Pradeshika, Rajuka, & Yukta. Pradeshika was senior and Rajuka was subordinate. Yukta was subordinate to both of them. The district administration was under the charge of Rajukas, whose position and functions are similar to modern collectors.

He was assisted by Yuktas or subordinate officials. The rajjuka was responsible for surveying and assessing the land, fixing its rent, and record-keeping besides judicial functions.

Q13. Answer: (d)

Pushyamitra founded the Sunga dynasty by killing the last Mauryan ruler Brihadrath and the last Sunga ruler Devabhuti was killed by his minister Vasudeva Kanva.

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (b)

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