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Q1. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

- Lothal - Ancient Dockyard
- Sarnath - First Sermon of Buddha
- Rajgir - Lion Capital of Ashoka
- Nalanda - Great Seat of Buddhist Learning

Select the correct answer using the code given below. Code

- a) 3 and 4
 - b) 1 and 2
 - c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - d) 1, 2 and 4
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Q2. Which one of the following texts of ancient India allows divorce to a wife deserted by her husband?

- a) Manavadharmashastra
 - b) Arthashastra
 - c) Kamasutra
 - d) Sukra Nitisara
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Q3. Which of the following Mauryan officers was incharge of weights and measures?

- a) Panyadhyaksha
 - b) Sunadhyaksha
 - c) Pautavadhyaksha
 - d) Sitadhyaksha
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Q4. Which of the following public health measures was not punishable under the Mauryan public health laws?

- a) Throwing dirt, mud or dead bodies on public thoroughfares
- b) Treating patients and selling herbs and drugs without securing registration
- c) Polluting the water tanks or sources of water
- d) Taking the dead bodies for cremation or burial along paths not meant for the purpose

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Q5. Which of the following states of India did not form part of the Mauryan empire?

- a) Kerala
- b) Kashmir
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Both (a) and (b) above

Q6. According to which of the following sources, did Ashoka in his old age abdicate the throne in favour of his grandson Samprati?

- a) Ashokavadana
- b) Gargi-Samhita
- c) Divyavadana
- d) Mahavamsa

Q7. Which one of the following is considered the best Stupa?

- a) Bharhut
- b) Sarnath
- c) Amaravati
- d) Sanchi

Q8. Which among the following was the first investigated pillar of Ashoka?

- a) Delhi Meerut Pillar
 - b) Sarnath
 - c) Barabar cave
 - d) Dhauri
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Q9. Which one of the following statements about Chandragupta II is not correct ?

- a) Kalidasa and Amarsingh were famous scholars in his court
 - b) He married his daughter Prabhawati to an Ahom prince
 - c) He expanded his empire both through matrimonial alliances and conquests
 - d) He married a Naga princess, named Kubera Naga
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Q10. Which form of Prakrit was uniformly used by Ashoka in all his inscriptions?

- a) Marathi
 - b) Ardha-Magadhi
 - c) Suraseni
 - d) Magadhi
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Q11. Which of the following was not one of the reasons for the failure of dhamma?

- a) Ashoka's excessive enthusiasm produced a reaction against it
 - b) It was too idealistic a concept, which could not break the social and sectarian barriers
 - c) It failed to provide a solution to the problems which it set out to solve
 - d) It was too vague a solution, because the problems lay at the very roots of the system
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Q12. What is the name of Megasthenes's book?

- a) Rig Veda
- b) Indica

c) Economics

d) Purana

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Q13. Pushyamitra Sunga, who killed the last Mauryan ruler Brihadratha and founded the Sunga dynasty, was a:

a) Prime Minister of the Mauryas

b) Feudatory ruler

c) General of the Mauryas

d) Both (a) and (b) above

Q14. Who of the following was not one of the later Mauryas who succeeded Ashoka?

a) Dasharatha

b) Shubhagasena

c) Samprati

d) Shalishuka

Q15. 'Sita' in Maurya period means

a) A religious sect

b) Barren land

c) A goddess

d) Revenue from Crown land

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

Q2. Answer: (b)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (d)

Q6. Answer: (c)

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (a)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Chandragupta Maurya-II expanded his kingdom/ empire through matrimonial relationship and conquests.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (c)

Q14. Answer: (b)

Q15. Answer: (d)

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