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Q1. Which of the following statements about the Mauryan Council of Ministers (mantri-parishad) is not correct?

- a) The members of the council were personally selected by the king
 - b) It may have acted as a political check on the king
 - c) The number of members of the council was fixed and it consisted of three councillors and a Chief Minister
 - d) It was specially consulted in times of emergency
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Q2. The largest number of copper coins in Northern and North-Western India were issued by

- a) Kushans
 - b) Pratiharas
 - c) Indo-Greeks
 - d) Sakas
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Q3. Prince Susima was

- a) The youngest son of Ashoka
 - b) The youngest brother of Ashoka
 - c) The eldest son of Ashoka
 - d) The eldest son of Bindusara
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Q4. Assertion (A):

During the post-Mauryan period, foreigners were assimilated into Indian society on a large scale.

Reason (R):

The law-giver Manu stated that the Sakas and Parthians were the kshatriyas who had deviated from their duties and fallen in status.

- 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 correct explanation of(A)

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Q5. Pillar Edict IV of Ashoka is entirely addressed to the

- a) Dhamma-mahamattas
- b) Gopas
- c) Nagarkaras
- d) Rajukas

Q6.

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) 1 3 4 2
- b) 3 4 2 1
- c) 2 3 4 1
- d) 4 3 2 1

Q7. Which of the following South Kingdoms is not mentioned in the Ashokan inscriptions?

- a) Pandya
 - b) Satavahana
 - c) Chola
 - d) Satiyaputta
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Q8. Which one of the following edicts mentions the personal name of Ashoka?

- a) Rummindei
 - b) Maski
 - c) Kalsi
 - d) Special Kalinga Edict
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Q9. The Kushana kings assumed title of Devaputra Kushana Kanishka's predecessors also were assuming titles like Sarvaloka Isvara Mahisvara. This shows that Kushana Kings—

- assumed high sounding titles implying power and fame.
- assumed divine Kingship
- Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 only
 - b) Neither 1 nor 2
 - c) 2 only
 - d) Both 1 and 2
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Q10. Rock Edict XIII (also known as Separate Rock Edict, because it is not found elsewhere) is regarded as one of the most important documents of Ashokan history, because:

- a) It expresses his regret and remorse at the suffering caused by the Kalinga War
- b) All the above

c) It expresses a new idea of conquest that of dhammavijaya instead of victory by war and violence

d) It is the longest of the fourteen major Rock Edicts and is recorded in a tone of recapitulation

Q11. Famous Greek ambassador Megasthenese came to the court of which emperor?

a) Harsha Vardhana

b) None of the above

c) Ashoka

d) Chandragupta Maurya

Q12. Which of the following Buddhist literary source does not provide information about the Mauryas?

a) Mahaparibbanasutta

b) Asokavadan

c) Dipavamsa

d) Mahavamsa

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Q13. The major Rock Edict of Ashoka which forbids the animal sacrifice is

a) IV

b) III

c) I

d) II

Q14. Consider the following statements regarding Ashoka's Dhamma is not correct ?

- Major Rock Edict XIII is of paramount importance in understanding the Ashokan policy of Dhamma.
- The Policy of Dhamma was an attempt at founding a new religion.
- Major Rock Edict III relates to social welfare measures like medical centres for animals as well as men, road construction and planting of medicinal herbs.
- Pillar Edict I states that through the king's care and love of Dhamma it had grown and that it was the king's principle to administer affairs.

- a) 1 and 4
b) None of these
c) 2 and 3
d) 2 and 4

Q15. In which of the following Major Rock Edicts does Ashoka introduce the institution of dhamma-mahamatta for the first time?

- a) Rock Edict II
b) Rock Edict V
c) Rock Edict III
d) Rock Edict IV

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (d)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Q7. Answer: (b)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (d)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (c)

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (b)

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