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Q1. After Bindusara's death, Ashoka captured the throne with the help of ministers headed by

- a) Radhagupta
 - b) Tivara
 - c) Vishnugupta
 - d) Prabhakargupta
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Q2. Deimachus came to India during the reign of

- a) Bindusara
 - b) Kanishka
 - c) Chandragupta Maurya
 - d) Ashoka
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Q3. The Arthashastra of Kautilya is a

- a) Biography
 - b) Book on Principles of Government
 - c) Play about Chandragupta Maurya
 - d) History of Chandragupta Maurya
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Q4. Who was the first king to conquer Malwa, Gujarat and Maharashtra?

- a) Skandgupta
- b) Chandragupta Maurya

c) Harsh

d) Vikramaditya

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Q5. Which one of the following refers to the Mauryas as mainly shudras and unrighteous?

a) The Jaina literature

b) The Buddhist literature

c) The Brahmanas

d) The Puranas

Q6. Art of Gandhara style flourished during the reign of

a) Guptas

b) Mauryas

c) Kushans

d) Akbar

Q7. Kalinga's King Kharvel was associated with

a) Chedi dynasty

b) Rath-Bhojak dynasty

c) Mahameghvahana dynasty

d) Satvahana dynasty

Q8. Which of the following sources states that there was no slavery in ancient India?

- a) Mudrarakshasha
 - b) Vayupuran
 - c) Arthashastra
 - d) Megasthenes' Indica
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Q9. The social status assigned to the foreigners in Indian society by Manu was of the

- a) Fallen Kshatriyas
 - b) Sudras
 - c) Kshatriyas
 - d) Vaishyas
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Q10. Which of the following is not one of the broad categories into which the edicts issued by Ashoka can be divided?

- a) Public pronouncements meant for his subjects
 - b) Edicts issued for the propagation of dhamma
 - c) Personal epistles directed to the Sangha
 - d) Pronouncement explaining the philosophy of Buddhism and its relevance in day-to day life
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Q11. Which of the following was a measure adopted by the later Mauryas to meet the needs of a depleted treasury?

- a) Increase in taxes
 - b) Increase of exports
 - c) Imposition of new taxes
 - d) debasement of currency
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Q12. Which one of the following ancient Indian records is the earliest royal order to preserve food-grains to be utilised during the crisis in the country?

- a) Rummindei Pillar-edict of Ashoka
- b) Mehrauli Pillar inscription of Chandra
- c) Sohagaura Copper-plate
- d) Prayaga-Prasasti

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Q13. Which one of the following is the correct chronological order of the given rulers of ancient India?

- a) Ashoka—Kanishka—Milinda
- b) Milinda—Kanishka—Ashoka
- c) Milinda—Ashoka—Kanishka
- d) Ashoka—Milinda—Kanishka

Q14. Which of the following is not discussed in Kautilya's Arthashastra ?

- a) Panas
- b) Matsyanyaya
- c) Satrins
- d) Pataliputra

Q15. Which of the following Ashokan inscriptions is devoted to the principle of religious tolerance completely?

- a) Rock Edict XII
 - b) Bhabru minor rock edict
 - c) Rock Edict XIII
 - d) Pillar inscription VII
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (b)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (d)

Q6. Answer: (c)

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (a)

Q10. Answer: (d)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (a)

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