

# **SOUTH INDIA SANGAM PERIOD (CHOLA, CHALUKYA, PALLAV... BASED INDIAN HISTORY MCQ PRACTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PDF WITH EXPLANATION**

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**Q1.** Writing about the volume of Indo-Roman trade, who bitterly remarked “not a year passed without the (Roman) Empire paying out 100 million sesterces (nearly one and a half-crore rupees) to India, to the Chera land and Arabia”?

- a) Pliny
  - b) Author of Periplus
  - c) Caldwell
  - d) Ptolemy
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**Q2.** Which of the following South Indian state was famous for its naval power?

- a) Pallava
  - b) Chera
  - c) Chola
  - d) Rashtrakuta
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**Q3.** What were the popular assemblies of Cholas period?

- a) Ur
  - b) Sabha
  - c) Samiti
  - d) Both A and B
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**Q4.** The Variyam members were

- a) Honorary
- b) Half paid

c) Receivers of land grants

d) Paid

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**Q5.** Which was got a Upsamiti of Variyam?

a) Gold Samiti

b) Bag Samiti

c) Tank Samiti

d) Varshik Samiti

**Q6.** Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists.

List-I	List-II
(a) Gupta	1. Badami
(b) Chandela	2. Panamalai
(c) Chalukya	3. Khajuraho
(d) Pallava	4. Deogarh

**Codes:** a b c d

a) 2 3 4 1

b) 4 2 3 1

c) 4 3 1 2

d) 3 4 1 2

**Q7.** During the Sangam Age a tutelary tree called Kadimaram or Kavalamaram was planted by the rulers at a central place in the town and they took great care to protect the tree because:

- a) It was believed that the tree had power to protect the town
  - b) The destruction of the tree was symbolic of the defeat of the ruler
  - c) Both (a) and (b)
  - d) The tree was symbolic dynastic growth
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**Q8.** The reign of Rajadhiraja was

- a) AD 1034–1054
  - b) AD 1035–1065
  - c) AD 1045–1076
  - d) AD 1044–1052
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**Q9.** The Roman settlement has been found?

- a) Rangpur
  - b) Arikamedu
  - c) Kalibangan
  - d) Satara
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**Q10.** Brihadeshwara Temple of Thanjavur was built during the reign of Chola emperor

- a) Rajendra-I
  - b) Rajraja-I
  - c) Parantaka-I
  - d) Rajadhiraja-I
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**Q11.** With what objective the Chola rulers surveyed the land widely ?

- a) To fix the quantity of crop
- b) To fix the government's share in production

- c) None of the above
  - d) To settle their masterful rights
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**Q12.** The word 'Sangam' is associated in Tamil history with:

- a) The poems written in praise of the Pandyan kings of the early Christian era
- b) The court poetry of Chola kings who were famous for patronizing artists
- c) A college or assembly (literary academy) of Tamil scholars held under the royal patronage of Pandyan kings at Madurai.
- d) The literature produced during the reign of the great Pallava dynasty of Kanchi

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**Q13.** The Chola king Rajadhiraja was killed by the Chalukya ruler in the battle of

- a) Takkolam
  - b) Koppam
  - c) Tallakota
  - d) Manimangalam
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**Q14.** Rajendra I continued his father's policy of aggressive conquests and expansion. His important wars were:

- He defeated Mahinda V, the king of Sri Lanka attempted to recover from the Cholas the northern part of Ceylon.
- He restored Vengi throne to its rulers Saktivarman and Vimaladitya by defeating the Telugu Cholas.
- He defeated Jayasimha II, the Western Chalukya king.
- He defeated Mahipala I of Bengal.

Select the answer from the codes given below:

- a) 2, 3, and 4
- b) 1, 3, and 4

c) 1, 2, and 3

d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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**Q15.** With reference to the history of Indian rock-cut architecture, consider the following statements:

- The caves at Badami are the oldest surviving rockcut caves in India.
- The Barabar rock-cut caves were originally made for Ajivikas by Emperor Chandragupta Maurya.
- At Ellora, caves were made for different faiths.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1, 2 and 3

b) 3 only

c) 2 and 3 only

d) 1 only

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

**Q2. Answer: (c)**

**Q3. Answer: (c)**

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**Q4. Answer: (d)**

**Q5. Answer: (a)**

**Q6. Answer: (c)**

**Q7. Answer: (c)**

**Q8. Answer: (d)**

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

**Q10. Answer: (b)**

**Q11. Answer: (b)**

**Q12. Answer: (c)**

**Q13. Answer: (d)**

**Q14. Answer: (b)**

Another famous venture of Rajendra I was his naval expedition to Kadaram or Sri Vijaya. It is difficult to pin point the real object of the expedition. Whatever its objects were, the naval expedition was a complete success. A number of places were occupied by Chola forces. But it was only temporary and no permanent annexation of these places was contemplated. He assumed the title Kadaramkondan.

**Q15. Answer: (c)**

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