

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

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(প্রত্যেক বিভাগের জন্য পৃথক উত্তরপত্র ব্যবহার কর)

## বিভাগ - ক

২। যেকোন চারটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও :

[8×৫]

- ক) বৈদেশিক সাহিত্যের গুরুত্বের উপর জোর দিয়ে একটি সংক্ষিপ্ত বর্ণনা দাও।
- খ) মেহেরগড় উৎখানের গুরুত্ব আলোচনা কর।
- গ) হরপ্পা সভ্যতার এরূপ কেন নামকরণ করা হয়েছিল?
- ঘ) ষোড়শ মহাজনপদের উপর টীকা লেখ।
- ঙ) 'চতুরার্যসত্য', অষ্টাঙ্গিক মার্গ এবং নির্বাণের উপর টীকা লেখ।
- চ) তুমি কি মনে কর মেগাস্থিনিসের 'ইণ্ডিকা' মৌর্যদের একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ উপাদান?
- ছ) মৌর্য সাম্রাজ্যের ইতিহাস পুনর্নির্মাণের ক্ষেত্রে কি কৌটিল্যের অর্থশাস্ত্রের কোন ভূমিকা আছে?

৩। যেকোন একটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও :

[1×২০]

- ক) ভারতীয় ইতিহাসের ক্ষেত্রে লিপির গুরুত্ব আলোচনা কর।
- খ) আর্যদের বাসস্থান সম্পর্কিত বিতর্কটি লেখ।
- গ) তুমি কি মনে কর অশোকই মৌর্য সাম্রাজ্যের পতনের জন্য দায়ী?

## বিভাগ - খ

৪। যেকোন চারটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও :

[8×৫]

- ক) আলবেরুণীর 'তহক্ক-ই-হিন্দ' সম্পর্কে টীকা লেখ।
- খ) পাল সাম্রাজ্যের সম্প্রসারণে দেবপালের ভূমিকা আলোচনা কর।
- গ) কৈবর্ত বিদ্রোহ সম্পর্কে টীকা লেখ।
- ঘ) অষ্টম শতকে কনৌজের কি গুরুত্ব ছিল?
- ঙ) নায়নার ও আলভারদের ওপর একটি সংক্ষিপ্ত টীকা লেখ।
- চ) আদি মধ্যযুগীয় সময়কালে 'তৃতীয় নগরায়ন' এর ধারণাটি ব্যাখ্যা কর।
- ছ) তরাইনের যুদ্ধ (১১৯২) কে কেন ভারতীয় ইতিহাসে জলবিভাজিকা বলে মনে করা হয়?

৫। যেকোন একটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও :

[1×২০]

- ক) চোল সাম্রাজ্যবাদের উত্থানে প্রথম রাজ রাজ এবং প্রথম রাজেন্দ্রর ভূমিকা আলোচনা কর। চোলদের সামুদ্রিক সম্প্রসারণকে তুমি কিভাবে ব্যাখ্যা করবে?
- খ) চালুক্য রাজাদের পাট্টাডকাল থেকে উদাহরণ দিয়ে আদি মধ্যযুগীয় স্থাপত্যের বিভিন্ন শৈলির মুখ্য বৈশিষ্ট্যগুলি আলোচনা কর।
- গ) আদি মধ্যযুগের ভারত মহাসাগরীয় বাণিজ্যের প্রকৃতি এবং বিশেষ করে বণিক সম্প্রদায়সমূহ ও বাণিজ্যিক সামগ্রীগুলি সম্পর্কে মন্তব্য কর।

[18+৬]

**English Version :**  
**(Use a separate Answer Book for each group)**

**Group – A**

2. Answer **any four** questions of the following: [4×5]
- a) Give a brief account of foreign literature specially emphasizing on its importance.
  - b) Discuss the significance of the excavations at Mehrgarh.
  - c) Why is the Harappan civilization named as such?
  - d) Write a short note on the Sixteen Mahajanapadas.
  - e) Write a short note on 'Chatuararya Satya', 'Astangika Marga' and 'Nirvana'.
  - f) Would you agree that the Indica of Megasthenes is an important source with regard to the Mauryas?
  - g) Is Kautilya's Arthashastra important to reconstruct the history of Mauryan Empire ?
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×20]
- a) Discuss the importance of inscriptions in Indian history.
  - b) Discuss the Aryan homeland debate.
  - c) Do you think Asoka was responsible for the fall of the Mauryan Empire?

**Group – B**

4. Answer **any four** questions out of the following: [4×5]
- a) Write a short note on Alberuni's Tahkik-i-Hind.
  - b) What was the contribution of Devapala for expansion of Pala power?
  - c) Write a short note on the Kaivarta rebellion.
  - d) What was the importance of Kanauj in the 8th century?
  - e) Write a short note on the Nayanars and Alvars.
  - f) Write a note on 'Third urbanization' in the context of early Medieval India.
  - g) Why was the Battle of Tarain (1192) regarded as a watershed in Indian history?
5. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×20]
- a) Discuss the role of Raja Raja I and Rajendra I in the growth of Chola imperialism. How would you explain the nature of their maritime expansion? [14+6]
  - b) Discuss the main features of different architectural styles of Early Medieval India giving examples from Pattadakal of the Chalukyan kings.
  - c) Remark on the nature of the Indian Ocean trade during the Early Medieval period with special reference on the merchant communities and commodities of trade.

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## **Group – A**

(Answer **all the** questions)

[1×10]

Tick the correct option(s):

1. According to R.S. Sharma, except \_\_\_\_\_, Tamil Nadu and parts of north-eastern Indian, the Mauryas ruled over the whole of the subcontinent.  
a) Kurnool                      b) Kudappa                      c) Kerala                      d) Karnataka
2. The Asokan inscriptions were generally placed on ancient  
a) highways                      b) rocks                      c) hills                      d) billboards
3. The Mauryan State enjoyed a monopoly on  
a) mining                      b) agriculture                      c) commerce                      d) construction
4. Asoka disapproved of rituals, especially those observed by  
a) women                      b) monks                      c) brahmins                      d) children
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ inscription of Asoka speaks of the success of his policy with hunters and fisherman.  
a) Kondhar                      b) Kandahar                      c) Kabul                      d) Kedar
6. The highest officer in charge of assessment in the Mauryan Empire was  
a) Smaharta                      b) Sannidhata                      c) Sainiki                      d) Sabhasad
7. The 80 pillared hall has been discovered at  
a) Kumrahar                      b) Kumbha                      c) Kerala                      d) Kurnool
8. According to Asokan inscriptions, the people of Tamraparni lived in  
a) Dhaka                      b) Sri Lanka                      c) Burma                      d) Tibet
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ wells appeared first under the Maurya in the Gangetic plains  
a) brick                      b) stone                      c) ring                      d) round
10. The Sungas who succeeded the Mauryas were succeeded by the  
a) Keralaputras                      b) Chedis                      c) Kanvas                      d) Pandyas

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## **Group – B**

(Answer **all the** questions)

[1×10]

11. During the tripartite struggle Dharmapala was unable to consolidate his power in North India because:
  - a) The Rashtrakuta ruler Dhruva captured Kanauj
  - b) The Pratihara ruler Bhoja occupied Bihar
  - c) The Pala ruler Dharmapala suddenly died and was succeeded by Devapala.
  - d) The Pratihara power revived under Nagabhatta II and defeated Dharmapala near Monghyr.
12. The Pala kingdom was termed as Ruhma by which traveller:
  - a) Al Idrisi
  - b) Wassaf
  - c) Sulaiman
  - d) Al Masudi
13. Arab travellers tell us that the following Empire had the best cavalry in Early Medieval India:
  - a) Rashtrakuta
  - b) Pratihara
  - c) Pala
  - d) Chola
14. Which of the following statements about the Pratiharas are correct:
  - a) The real founder and the greatest ruler of the dynasty was Bhoja
  - b) Bhoja was succeeded by his son Mahendrapala I.
  - c) They were patrons of learning and literature.
  - d) Their Empire was referred as Al-Juzr by Al-Masudi
  - I) Only option c is incorrect
  - II) All options are correct
  - III) Only option b is incorrect
  - IV) Only Options a and d are correct
15. Which of these statements about the Rashtrakuta ruler Krishna III are correct:
  - a) He was the last in a line of brilliant Rashtrakuta rulers.
  - b) He was engaged in a struggle against the Paramaras of Malwa and the Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi.
  - c) He defeated the Chola ruler Parantaka I.
  - d) He was a patron of temples and built the Vallabhi temple.

- I) Only option a and b are correct  
 II) Only options a, b, and c are correct  
 III) All options are correct  
 IV) Only options a, b and d are correct
16. Which of these statements about the cultural aspects of the Age of the Three Empires is correct:  
 a) The great Sanskrit poet and dramatist Rajashekhar lived at the court of Bhoja's grandson Mahipala.  
 b) The Rashtrakuta king Amoghavarsha is credited with writing the first Kannada book on poetics  
 c) The Rashtrakuta King Krishna I built the famous rock-cut Siva temple at Ellora.  
 d) The Pala kings built many *viharas* for the Buddhists
- I) All options are correct  
 II) Only option a, c and d are correct  
 III) Only option c is incorrect  
 IV) Only option d is correct
17. Which Rashtrakuta princess, a daughter of Amoghavarsha I administered the Raichur Doab for some time:  
 a) Chandrabhaga  
 b) Dantidurga Devi  
 c) Chandrobabbe  
 d) Varsha Devi
18. Which of these statements about Chola king Rajendra I are correct:  
 a) One of naval exploits was the conquest of the Maldives.  
 b) The Chola invasion across Kalinga to Bengal in which the Chola armies crossed the River Ganga took place in 1022  
 c) The rulers of the Sailendra dynasty of the Srivijaya kingdom were Buddhists and had cordial relations with the Cholas.  
 d) The cause of the breach between the Cholas and the rulers of the Sailendra dynasty was due to the Chola eagerness to remove obstacles to Indian traders and to expand trade with China.
- i) All options are correct  
 ii) Only option b is incorrect  
 iii) Only option c is incorrect  
 iv) Only option a is incorrect
19. Which traveller stated that when Chola kings died all his personal bodyguards burnt themselves on the funeral pyre of the monarch:  
 a) Abdur Razzak  
 b) Marco Polo  
 c) Al Idrisi  
 d) Chou-ja-Kua
20. Out of the following temples which is not constructed in the Dravida style:  
 a) Kailashnath temple at Kanchipuram  
 b) Brihadiswara temple at Tanjore  
 c) Gangaikondacholapuram temple  
 d) Kandariya Mahadeva temple at Khajuraho

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