IAS Prelims : GS Ancient History: MCQ
Set I

Ancient India is important section of History syllabus for IAS Prelims Exam. Most of questions related to Art and Culture are asked from this section in IAS Prelims Exam. Following are Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) that would help candidates in their IAS Prelims preparation:

1. Consider the following statement about the Indus Valley Civilization?
I. Barley has been found from one of Indus Valley Civilization sites
II. People of Indus Valley Civilization used to put on the bangles.
III. People of Indus Valley Civilization used to trade with other countries
Which of above statement is/ are true about the Indus Valley Civilization?
A. I Only
B. II Only
C. I, II and III
D. III Only
Ans: C

2. Which of following statement is incorrect about the Indus Valley Civilization?
A. People of Indus Valley Civilization used to practice agriculture
B. No site of this civilization has been found in Haryana region.
C. Oxen, Buffaloes and goats were domesticated animals in Indus Valley Civilization.
D. All of the above
Ans: B

3. Which one was the biggest industrial site of Harappa Civilization?
A. Chahmudaro
B. Ropar
C. Lothal
D. Dholavira
Ans: A
4. Which of the following statements is correct about the First Buddhist Council?
A. First Buddhist Council was held in Pataliputra
B. First Buddhist Council was held in Rajgraha and patronized by Ajatasatru
C. First Buddhist Council was held in Kashmir and patronized by Kanishka
D. First Buddhist Council was held in Kashmir and patronized by Ajatasatru

**Ans:** B

5. Which of the following statements is correct about the spread of Jainism?
A. Both men and women were admitted to spread Jainism
B. Only men were allowed to spread the Jain religion
C. Only women were allowed to spread the Jain religion
D. It was successful in attracting the huge masses

**Ans:** A

6. Consider the statements about the Buddhism
I. Earlier women were not allowed in the spread of Buddhism but later on they were allowed
II. People were admitted to Buddhism without any caste consideration
III. Buddhism was liberal and democratic

Which of the above statements is/are true about the Buddhism?
A. I Only
B. II only
C. I and II
D. I, II and III

**Ans:** D

7. Which inscription of Ashoka gives an account of Kalinga War?
A. Jaugada Rock Inscription
B. Dhauli Rock Inscription
C. Rummindi Pillar Inscription
D. Shahbajgarhi Rock Edict

**Ans:** D

8. To whom Asoka donated in the region of Barabar Hill?
A. Buddhists
B. Ajivikas
C. Jains
D. None of the above

**Ans:** B

9. **Who was the priest of the Bharatas in the battle of Ten Kings in Vedic Age?**
   A. Visvamitra
   B. Vasishtha
   C. Atri
   D. All of the above

**Ans. B**

10. **Which of following statement is/are correct about the Hsuan Tsang?**
    A. He was Chinese Pilgrim
    B. He visited during the reign of Harsha
    C. He came to study in Buddhist Nalanda University
    D. All of the above

**An. D**