

UPSC IAS Prelims : Ancient History :

MCQ Set 7

1. Arrange the following travelers to India in chronological order with the earliest being the first?

- (1) Al Masudi
- (2) Hieun Tsang
- (3) Fa Xian

Codes

- (a) 1, 3, 2
- (b) 3, 2, 1
- (c) 1, 2, 3
- (d) 3, 1, 2

Answer. b

2. The main historical source regarding the information about village government under the Cholas is the

- (a) Halmidi inscription
- (b) Jatwai inscription
- (c) Uttramerur inscription
- (d) Chandravallu inscription

Answer. c

3. Pottery first appeared during

- (a) Paleolithic age
- (b) Mesolithic age
- (c) Neolithic age
- (d) Chalcolithic age

Answer. c

4. Maximum copper hoards have been found from which of the following Chalcolithic sites?

- (a) Nagapattanam
- (b) Gungeria
- (c) Chunar
- (d) Navdatoli

Answer. b

5. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Indus Valley Civilization?

- (1) Evidence of worship of fire has been found at certain sites.
- (2) Image worship was prevalent.
- (3) Semi-humans and animals were also worshipped

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) All of these

Answer. b

6. Which of the following crops were grown by Indus Valley people?

- (1) Barley
- (2) Sugarcane
- (3) Mustard
- (4) Wheat

Codes

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1,2 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) All of these

Answer. c

7. Which of the following statements are correct regarding economy of Indus Valley Civilization?

- (1) They exported cotton to Mesopotamia.
- (2) They had a standard weights and measures system.
- (3) Earliest example of glazed pottery in the world is found here.
- (4) They had a well established currency system

Codes

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) All of these

Answer. c

8. Which of the following is regarded as the weakest theory about decline of Indus Valley Civilization?

- (a) Lambrick's theory of unstable river systems
- (b) Kennedy's theory of natural calamity
- (c) Wheeler's theory of Aryan invasion
- (d) Fairservis' theory of ecological balance

Answer. c

9. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Rig-Vedic period ?

- (1) Their main occupation was agriculture
- (2) Barley was the most important crop during this period

Codes

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 Nor 2

Answer. b

10. Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1) In Rig-Vedic period, king enjoyed the supreme and unlimited power.
- (2) Tribal councils such as Sabha and Samiti became stronger in the Later Vedic Period.

Codes:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 Nor 2

Answer. d