



# ACADEMY OF CIVIL SERVICES

## UPSC PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS MEDIEVAL INDIA (2022-2011)

### **EARLY THREE EMPIRES**

#### **1. Consider the following pairs: (2022)**

<i>King</i>	<i>Dynasty</i>
1. Nannuka	Chandela
2. Jayashakti	Paramara
3. Nagabhata II	Gurjara-Pratihara
4. Bhoja	Rashtrakuta

**How many pairs given above are correctly matched?**

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) All four pairs

#### **2. Considers the following events in the history of India: (2020)**

1. Rise of Pratiharas under King Bhoja
2. Establishment of Pallava power under Mahendravarman - I
3. Establishment of Chola power by Parantaka - I
4. Pala dynasty founded by Gopala

**What is the correct chronological order of the above events, starting from the earliest time?**

- (a) 2-1-4-3
- (b) 3-1-4-2

(c) 2-4-1-3

(d) 3-4-1-2

**3. In medieval India, the designations 'Mahattara and pattakila' were used for (2014)**

- (a) Military officers
- (b) Village headmen
- (c) Specialists in Vedic rituals
- (d) Chiefs of craft guides

### **IMPERIAL CHOLAS**

**1. The Nagara, the Dravida and the Vesara are the (2012)**

- (a) Three main racial groups of the Indian subcontinent
- (b) Three main linguistic divisions in to which of the languages of India can be classified
- (c) Three main styles of Indian temple architecture
- (d) Three main musical Gharanas prevalent in India

### **EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA**

**1. The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the new Circuit House near Somnath Temple at Veraval. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Somnath Temple ? (2022)**

1. Somnath Temple is one of the Jyotirlinga shrines.
2. A description of Somnath Temple was given by Al-Biruni.
3. Pran Pratishtha of Somnath Temple (installation of the present day temple) was done by President S. Radhakrishnan.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below :**

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

### **DELHI SULTANATE**

**1. With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements: (2022)**

1. The first Mongol invasion of India happened during the reign of Jalal-ud-din Khalji.
2. During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city.

3. Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq temporarily lost portions of north-west of his kingdom to Mongols.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**2. With reference to Indian history, who of the following were known as “Kulah-Daran”?**  
**(2022)**

- (a) Arab merchants
- (b) Qalandars
- (c) Persian calligraphists
- (d) Sayyids

**3. Consider the following Statements: (2021)**

1. It was during the reign of Iltutmish that Chengiz Khan reached the Indus in pursuit of the fugitive Khwarezm prince.
2. It was during the reign of Muhammad bin Tughluq that Taimur occupied Multan and crossed the Indus.
3. It was during the reign of Deva Raya II of Vijayanagara Empire that Vasco Da Gama reached the Coast of Kerala.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 3 only
- d) 2 and 3

**4. Consider the following statements: (2019)**

1. In the revenue administration of Delhi Sultanate, the in-charge of revenue collection was known as ‘Amil’.
2. The Iqta system of Sultans of Delhi was an ancient indigenous institution.
3. The office of ‘Mir Bakshi’ came into existence during the reign of Khalji Sultans of Delhi.

**Which of the statements given above is correct?**

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

## **BHAKTI AND SUFISM**

**1. The world's second tallest statue in sitting pose of Ramanuja was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India at Hyderabad recently. Which one of the following statements correctly represents the teachings of Ramanuja? (2022)**

- (a) The best means of salvation was devotion.  
(b) Vedas are eternal, self-existent and wholly authoritative.  
(c) Logical arguments were essential means for the highest bliss.  
(d) Salvation was to be obtained through meditation.

**2. Consider the following statements: (2019)**

1. Saint Nimbarka was a contemporary of Akbar.
2. Saint Kabir was greatly influenced by Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**3. Consider the following statements: (2014)**

1. 'Bijak' is a composition of the teachings of Saint Dadu Dayal.
2. The Philosophy of Pushti Marg was propounded by Madhavacharya.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**4. Consider the following Bhakti Saints: (2013)**

1. Dadu Dayal
2. Guru Nanak
3. Tyagaraja

Who among the above was/were preaching when the Lodi dynasty fell and Babur took over?

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

**5. With reference to the religious history of medieval India, the Sufi mystics were known to pursue which of the following practices? (2012)**

1. Meditation and control of breath
2. Severe ascetic exercises in a lonely place
3. Recitation of holy songs to arouse a state of ecstasy in their audience

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

### **VIJAYNAGAR AND BAHMANI KINGDOM**

**1. According to Portuguese writer Nuniz, the women in Vijayanagara Empire were expert in which of the following areas? (2021)**

1. Wrestling
2. Astrology
3. Accounting
4. Soothsaying

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**2. Building 'Kalyana Mandapas' was a notable feature in the temple construction in the kingdom of (2019)**

- (a) Chalukya  
(b) Chandela  
(c) Rashtrakuta  
(d) Viayanagara

**3. Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijaynagar, consider the following statements: (2016)**

1. The tax rate on land was fixed depending on the quality of the land.
2. Private owners of workshops paid an industries tax.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**4. Who of the following founded a new city on the south undertook to rule his new kingdom as the agent of a deity to whom all the land south of the river Krishna was supposed to belong? (2015)**

- (a) Amoghavarsha I    (b) Ballala II                      (c) Harihara I    (d) Prataparudra II

## **MUGHALS**

**1. 'Yogavasistha' was translated into Persian by Nizamuddin Panipati during the reign of: (2022)**

- (a) Akbar  
(b) Humayun  
(c) Shahjahan  
(d) Aurangzeb

**2. With reference to medieval India, which one of the following is the correct sequence in ascending order in terms of size? (2021)**

- (a) Paragana – Sarkar – Suba  
(b) Sarkar – Paragana – Suba  
(c) Suba – Sarkar - Paragana  
(d) Paragana – Suba – Sarkar

**3. Which of the following phrases defines the nature of the 'Hundi' generally referred to in the sources of the post-Harsha period? (2020)**

- (a) An advisory issued by the king his subordinates  
(b) A diary to be maintained for daily accounts  
(c) A bill of exchange  
(d) An order from the feudal lord to his subordinates

**4. With reference to Mughal India, what is/are the difference/differences between Jagirdar and Zamindar? (2019)**

1. Jagirdars were holders of land assignments in lieu of judicial and police duties, whereas Zamindars were holders of revenue rights without obligation to perform any duty other than revenue collection.

2. Land assignments to Jagirdars were hereditary and revenue rights of Zamindars were not hereditary.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.**

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

**5. Banjaras during the medieval period of Indian history were generally (2016)**

- (a) Agriculturists                      (b) Warriors                      (c) Weavers                      (d) Traders

**6. Consider the following: (2015)**

The arrival of Babur into India led to the

1. Introduction of gunpowder in the subcontinent
2. Introduction of the arch and dome in the region's architecture
3. Establishment of Timurid dynasty in the region

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.**

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

**7. Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri was (2014)**

- (a) The mosque for the use of Royal Family  
(b) Akbar's private prayer chamber  
(c) The hall in which Akbar held discussions with scholars of various religions  
(d) The room in which the nobles belonging to different religions gathered to discuss religious affairs.

## **MARATHAS**

- NO QUESTIONS ASKED

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. In medieval India, the term "Fanam" referred to: (2022)**

- (a) Clothing  
**(b) Coins**  
(c) Ornaments  
(d) Weapons

**2. Which one of the following foreign travellers elaborately discussed about diamonds and diamond mines of India? (2018)**

- (a) Francois Bernier  
(b) Jean-Baptiste Tavernier  
(c) Jean de Thevenot  
(d) Abbe BarthelemyCarre

**3. Which one of the following was a very important seaport in the Kakatiya Kingdom? (2017)**

- (a) Kakinada  
(b) Motupalli

- (c) Machilipatnam (Masulipatnam)
- (d) Nelluru

**4. With reference to the economic history of medieval India, the term Araghatta' refers to (2016)**

- (a) bonded labour
- (b) land grants made to military officers
- (c) waterwheel used in the irrigation of land
- (d) wasteland converted to cultivated land

**5. Consider the following pairs: (2015)**

Medieval Indian State                      Present Region

- 1.      Champaka                      : Central India
- 2.      Durgara                              : Jammu
- 3.      Kuluta                              : Malabar

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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