



**MCQs:**

**1. Which of the following statement/s is/are true?**

1. Lothal, an important port city of Indus valley civilization was located in today's Bhal region of Gujarat.
2. The remains of the port city of Lothal were discovered in 1954 and were excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India.

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

Ans: c

**Explanation:**

- The oldest port in India, Lothal was an important port city of Indus valley civilization and was located in today's Bhal region of Gujarat.
- Existed about 4500 years ago, the remains of the port city of Lothal were discovered in 1954 and were excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from 13 February 1955 to 19 May 1960.

**2. Uhl is a Himalayan river which is part of the watershed of?**

- (a) Krishna  
(b) Beas  
(c) Son  
(d) Noel

Ans: b

**Explanation:**

- The Uhl is a Himalayan river which is part of the watershed of Beas river.
- The river originates at the Thamsar Glacier in the Dhauladhar range of the Himalayas, flows through the Uhl valley crossing the villages Bada Gran and Barot.



### 3. Sittanavasal Cave is located at?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Ans: d**

#### Explanation:

- Sittanavasal Cave (also, Arivar Koil) is a 2nd-century Tamil Śramaṇa complex of caves in Sittanavasal village in Pudukottai district of Tamil Nadu.

### 4. Which of the following statement/s is/are true?

1. Tamralipti was an ancient port city in Tamil Nadu
  2. Tamralipti is mentioned in the Markandeya Purana, the Vayu-Purana, the Natyasastra of Bharata, and the Brihat-Samhita of Varahamihira.
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans: b**

#### Explanation:

- Tamralipti was an ancient port city in Midnapur district, West Bengal.
- It was a port of Gupta era for the eastern India.
- Tamralipti is mentioned in the Markandeya Purana, the Vayu-Purana, the Natyasastra of Bharata, and the Brihat-Samhita of Varahamihira. Jain and Buddhist texts also speak of this port city.



**5. Which of the following ancient Indian Kings had appointed Dhamma Mahamattas?**

- (a) Kanishka
- (b) Karkala Cholan
- (c) Chandragupta II
- (d) Ashoka

**Ans: d**

**Explanation:**

- Dhamma Mahamattas were special officers appointed by Ashoka to spread the message of Dhamma or his Dharma.