



MCQs:

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

1. Songs from Prison' is a book of translation from Sanskrit hymns and lyrics, from the Upanishads and other scriptures.
 2. Mahatma Gandhi made these translations during his incarceration in Yeravada Prison in 1930.
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Self-explanatory

2. Which one of the following ancient towns is well-known for its elaborate system of water harvesting and management by building a series of dams and channelizing water into connected reservoirs?

- (a) Dholavira
(b) Kalibangan
(c) Rakhigarhi
(d) Ropar

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Dholavira is located on Khadir bet island in the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.
- The city had an impressive and unique water harvesting and management system. Dams were built across these to channelize their water into reservoirs.



3. According to Portuguese writer Nuniz, the women in Vijayanagara Empire were expert in which of the following areas?

- (a) Wrestling
- (b) Astrology
- (c) Accounting
- (d) All of the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- There were also wrestlers, astrologers and soothsayers among them. Some women were also appointed as accountants, judges, bailiffs, and watch women.

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

1. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919 recommended granting voting rights to all the women above the age of 21.

2. The Government of India Act of 1935 gave women reserved seats in legislature.

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Montagu-Chelmsford reforms, based on these, the Government of India Act, 1919 was enacted. Under the Act, Women were given the right to vote. But there was no universal adult suffrage.
- Statement 2 is right.

5. With reference to Madanapalle of Andhra Pradesh, which one of the following statements is correct?



- (a) Pingali Venkayya designed the tricolour Indian National Flag here.
- (b) Pattabhi Sitaramaiah led the Quit India Movement of Andhra region from here.
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore translated the National Anthem from Bengali to English here.
- (d) Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott set up headquarters of Theosophical Society first here.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- It was at Madanapalle (Chittoor), in February 1919, that Tagore translated his Bengali poem 'Jana Gana Mana' into English as 'Morning Song of India'. It was given tune by Margaret Cousins.