

# Chapter 01

# Ancient History

## 1 Mark Questions

1. Which of these Indus Valley Sites is located in India?  
(a) Harappa (b) Mohenjo Daro  
(c) Chanhudaro (d) Dholavira
2. The Indus people worshipped which of the following trees?  
(a) Sal Tree (b) Mango Tree  
(c) Banyan Tree (d) Pipal Tree
3. Which among the following is the earliest text found in India?  
(a) Aranyaka (b) Samaveda  
(c) Rig Vedic Samhita (d) Yajurveda
4. During the later vedic period of Indian History, which of these terms was used for Iron?  
(a) Shyama-ayas (b) Srauta  
(c) Loha (d) Sulva
5. The Indus valley people did not produce which of these crops?  
(a) Rice (b) Wheat  
(c) Barley (d) Mustard
6. The first Buddhist Council was organised at Rajgriha, where was the second one organised?  
(a) Nagpur (b) Vaishali  
(c) Taxila (d) Pataliputra

7. The first Indian Empire was established by which of the following Kings?  
(a) Ajatashatru (b) Ashoka  
(c) Bimbisara (d) Chandragupta Maurya
8. 'King Sandrocottus' is another name for which of the following rulers of Mauryan Empire?  
(a) Ashoka (b) Bimbisara  
(c) Chandragupta Maurya (d) Bindusara
9. King Harshavardhana was defeated by which among the following?  
(a) Chandragupta Maurya (b) Pulakesin II  
(c) Samudragupta (d) Dhanananda
10. Which of the following kings of ancient India had Navratnas in his court?  
(a) Ashoka (b) Chandragupta Vikramaditya  
(c) Harsha (d) Raja Raja Chola

## 2 Marks Questions

11. The people of Indus Valley domesticated which of the following animals?

1. Sheep 2. Goat  
3. Horse

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

### Codes

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

12. Which of the following statements is/are true about Buddhism?

1. Buddha delivered his first sermon in Sarnath.  
2. Buddhism was later divided into Mahayana Buddhism and Hinayana Buddhism.  
3. Buddhist texts are compiled in Pali language.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

### Codes

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

13. Which among the following is correctly matched?

|    | <b>List I (Book)</b> | <b>List II (Writer)</b> |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Ratnavali            | Harshavardhana          |
| 2. | Gitagovinda          | Jayadeva                |
| 3. | Surya Siddhanta      | Kalidasa                |

**Codes**

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

14. Which of the following statements is true?

1. The Capital of Mauryan Empire was Pataliputra.
2. King Ashoka built the Sanchi Stupa.
3. Silver coins were mainly used in the Mauryan Empire.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

**Codes**

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

15. Which of the following is matched correctly?

|    | <b>Dynasty</b> | <b>Area of Rule</b> |
|----|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Cholas         | Ganga Delta         |
| 2. | Cheras         | Kerala              |
| 3. | Pandyas        | Madurai             |

**Codes**

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

**Answers**

|         |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. (d)  | 2. (d)  | 3. (c)  | 4. (a)  | 5. (d)  | 6. (b) | 7. (c) | 8. (c) | 9. (b) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (d) | 13. (a) | 14. (d) | 15. (c) |        |        |        |        |         |