



### **Daily Subject wise Quiz Day 11 Ancient History VI (Online Prelims Test)**

Which of the following statements are correct with regard to Bimbisara?

1. He married Kosaladevi and received Kasi region as dowry which yielded large revenue.
2. He was a contemporary of both Mahavira and Buddha.

Select the correct answer using codes given below

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

Answer : c

#### **Bimbisara**



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- Bimbisara's first matrimonial alliance was with the ruling family of Kosala.
- He married Kosaladevi, sister of Prasenjit, He was given the Kasi region as dowry which yielded large revenue.
- Bimbisara married Chellana, a princess of the Licchavi family of Vaishali, This matrimonial alliance secured for him the safety of the northern frontier.
- He had also efficiently reorganized the administration of his kingdom.
- Bimbisara was a contemporary of both Vardhamana Mahavira and Gautama Buddha.
- However, both religions claim him as their supporter and devotee, He seems to have made numerous gifts to the Buddhist Sangha.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct regarding Pillars of Ashoka

1. They are made up of monolithic pillar and are made of highly polished.
2. All Ashokan pillars are adorned either with a lotus flower or an Ashoka Chakra.

Select the correct answer using codes below

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

Answer : a

## Ashokan Pillars

- The pillars of Ashoka are a series of monolithic columns dispersed throughout the Indian subcontinent.
- These pillars constitute important monuments of the architecture of India, most of them exhibiting the characteristic Mauryan polish.
- The shafts are always plain and smooth, circular in cross-section, slightly tapering upwards and always chiselled out of a single piece of stone

Which of the following statements is/are correct about Mauryan Empire?

1. Ashoka founded the Mauryan Empire with help of his Brahmin Minister Chankya.
2. Magasthenes in his book Indika gives reference to absence of moneylending.

Select the correct answer using codes below

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

Answer : b

## Mauryan Empire

- Chandragupta, with the help of an intelligent and politically astute Brahmin, Kautilya usurped the throne by defeating Dhana Nanda in 321 BC.
- The Mauryan Empire had rulers who were famous for their reign. The table below gives the list of Mauryan Empire rulers:

1. Chandragupta Maurya (324/321- 297 B.C.)
2. Bindusara (297 - 272 B.C.)
3. Asoka (268 - 232 B.C.)

Consider the following statements with respect to the Officials of Mauryan Administration

1. Pulisanj were the public relation officers who reported public opinion to the King.
2. Gudha - Purusha were the secret agents mentioned in Arthashastra.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are incorrect?

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

Answer : c

## Officials of Mauryan Administration

- King assisted by Mantriparishad (council of ministers) whose members included Mantriparishad Adhyaksha and below him was as following:

1. Yuvaraj: The crown prince
2. Purohita: The chief priest
3. The Senapati: The commander in chief

4. Amatya: Civil servants and few other ministers.

- Other officers of the kingdom includes

1. Vyavharika Mahamatta: Judiciary officers

2. Pulisanj: Public relations officers

3. Espionage Department - Mahamatyapasarpa controlled Gudhapurushas (secret agents)

Consider the following statements with respect to Ashokan Inscriptions

1. Ashoka was the first ruler who inscribed his messages to his subjects and officials on stone surfaces.
2. Ashoka used the inscriptions to proclaim what he understood to be Dhamma.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Answer : d

## Ashokan Inscriptions

- Ashoka was the first ruler who inscribed his messages to his subjects and officials on stone surfaces – natural rocks as well as polished pillars.
- He used the inscriptions to proclaim what he understood to be dhamma.
- This included respect towards elders, generosity towards Brahmanas and those who renounced worldly life, treating slaves and servants kindly, and respect for religions and traditions other than one's own.