

### Daily Subject wise Quiz Day 44 Medieval India IV (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) Consider the following statements with respect to Amara Nayakas
  - 1. They were military commanders who were given territories to be governed by the Rayas or the rulers of Vijayanagara.
  - 2. They collected taxes and other dues from peasants, craftsmen, and traders in the area.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: c

# **Amara Nayakas**



- The Amara-Nayakas were military commanders who were given territories to be governed by the Rayas or the rulers of Vijayanagara.
- Many features of this system were derived from the Iqta system of the Delhi sultanate.
- Amara-Nayakas collected taxes and other dues from peasants, craftsmen, and traders in the area.
- 2) Consider the following statements with respect to Vijayanagara Empire
  - 1. It was founded by Krishnadeva Raya in 1336 AD, with Hampi as its first capital.
  - 2. The founders of the kingdom, came from a pastoral history of cowherds (people of the Kuruba) claiming descent of Yadava.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: b

# Vijayanagar Kingdom

• It was founded in 1336 by the Sangama Dynasty brothers Harihara I and Bukka Raya I, members of a cowherd pastoralist group claiming Yadava lineage.

- They were dedicated Shaivas (worshippers of Shiva) but made grants to Sringeri's Vaishnava order with Vidyaranya as their patron saint, and named Varaha (the boar, a Vishnu Avatar) as their symbol.
- Anegundi was the first capital of the Vijayanagara empire.
- The other capitals of Vijayanagara were Hampi, Penukonda & Chandragiri.
- 3) Consider the following statements with respect to the Rulers of Vijaynagar Empire
  - 1. Portuguese travelers Domingo Paes and Durate Barbosa visted the court of Virupaksha Raya II
  - 2. Krishna deva Raya's last battle was the battle of Raichur where he secured the fortress of Raichur from Ismail Adil Shah of Bijapur.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: b

## Krishnadeva Raya

- Krishnadeva Raya was known by other names like 'Kannada Rajya Rama Ramana', 'Andhra Bhoja', and 'Mooru Rayara Ganda'.
- He belonged to the Tuluva dynasty and was the emperor of the Vijayanagar empire during 1509-1529.
- He is considered the most powerful ruler of his dynasty and won many battles by defeating the Sultans of Bijapur, Golconda, the Bahmani Sultanate, and the Gajapatis of Odisha.
- His last battle was the battle of Raichur fought in 1520 where he secured the fortress of Raichur from Ismail Adil Shah of Bijapur.
- Portuguese travelers Domingo Paes and Durate Barbosa visited his court.

#### Virupaksha Raya II

- In 1465, Virupaksha Raya II succeeded his uncle, Mallikarjuna Raya, a corrupt and weak ruler who continually lost against the empire's enemies.
- He faced with rebellious nobles and officers as well as multiple enemies who began to invade the weakened kingdom.
- 4) Which of the following statements are incorrect about Battle of Talikota (1565 A.D.)
  - 1. It is a battle between King Rama Raya of Vijayanagar and Allied Muslim sultans of Bijapur, Bidar, Ahmadnagar, and Golconda.
  - 2. During this battle capital city of Vijayanagar was captured, destroyed over a period of five months, and never reoccupied.

Select the correct answers using the codes given below

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

Answer: d

#### **Battle of Talikota**

- The Battle of Talikota was a Battle within the Deccan region of southern India between the forces of the Hindu raja of Vijayanagar and therefore the four allied Muslim sultans of Bijapur, Bidar, Ahmadnagar, and Golconda fought in 1565.
- The capital city of Vijayanagar was captured, destroyed over a period of five months, and never reoccupied.
- The betrayal by two Muslim commanders (Gilani Brothers) of Vijayanagara Army at a key point within the battle was the main cause of the defeat.
- 5) Consider the following statements with respect to the Literary Works of Vijaynagar Empire
  - 1. Krishna Deva Raya wrote the Amuktamalyada in Telugu and a Sanskrit play, Jambavati Kalyana.
  - 2. Allasani Peddana wrote Manucharitamu, which is a development of an episode in Markandeya Puranam.

Which of the above statements is / are correct?

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

Answer: c

### Literary Works of Vijaynagar Empire

- Krishna Deva Raya was a great patron of literature and was known as Abhinava Bhoja.
- Himself being a scholar, he wrote the Telugu work Amuktamalyada and a Sanskrit play, Jambavati Kalyana.
- He had eight great scholars called Ashtadiggajas in his court.
- They included Allasani Peddana often described as the Andhrakavitapitamaha.
- His famous work was Manucharitamu, Another famous poet was Nandi Thimmanna, the author of Parijathapaharanamu.