



## Prelims Practice Questions 04-05-2018

01. Consider the following pairs.

| Harappan Sites | Location |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. Dholavira   | Gujarat  |
| 2. Rakhigarhi  | Punjab   |
| 3. Ropar       | Haryana  |
| 4. Alamgirpur  | UP       |

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : c

Rakhigarhi - Haryana



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Ropar - Punjab (Dog buried with human oval pit burials)

Alamgirpur - UP (Impression of a cloth on a trough)

02. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Harappa and Mohenjo-daro are among the earliest and finest examples of urban civic planning.
- 2. First actual remains of horse bones are found at Surkotada, Gujarat.
- 3. Banawali in Haryana was the only city with radial streets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : d

03. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Great bath was excavated at Mohenjo-daro.
- 2. It indicates the importance of ritualistic cleansing in Indus Valley Civilization.
- 3. Double storied houses were absent in the city.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : a

Double storied houses were present in lower part of the city.

04. Consider the following statements.

1. Most Seals used in Harappan Civilisation were made of Steatite and square in shape.
2. Evidence of cow has been found in seals.
3. Mathematical images have also been found on some seals.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : c

No evidence of cow has been found in any seal. Common animal motifs were unicorn, humped bull, rhinoceros etc. Some instances of copper, gold and ivory seals have also been found.

05. Consider the following statements.

1. People of Indus valley civilisation were conscious of fashion.
2. Girdles, earrings and anklets were worn only by Women.

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

Both men and women wore ornaments like necklaces, fillets, armlets and finger rings. Bead factories were discovered in Chanhudaro and Lothal. The fashion conscious can be inferred from the different styles of hair and beard.

06. Consider the following statements.

1. The palace of Chandragupta Maurya was inspired by the Achaemenid palaces in Iran.
2. Stone was the principal building material.
3. Pillars during Mauryan period, were mostly made of Chunar sandstone.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only

- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : c

During the mauryan time, Wood was the principal building material used to build palaces.

07. Consider the following pairs.

| Architecture                | Location       |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Lauria Nandangarh pillar | Varanasi       |
| 2. Sarnath pillar           | Champan        |
| 3. Sanchi stupa             | Madhya Pradesh |
| 4. Piprawah stupa           | Uttar Pradesh  |

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 3 and 4 only

Answer : d

Lauria Nandangarh pillar - Champan

Sarnath pillar - Varanasi



08. Consider the following statements.

1. The shaft of Ashokan pillars were made of various pieces of sandstone cemented together whereas Achaeminian pillars were monolithic.
2. Ashokan pillars were independently erected by royal diction whereas Achaemenian pillars were generally attached to State buildings.

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

The shaft of Ashokan pillars were monolithic whereas Achaeminian pillars were made up of various pieces of sandstone cemented together.

09. Consider the following statements.

1. Noctiluca algae, also known as Sea Sparkle, is a harmful alage.
2. It is present in Bay of Bengal.
3. It is responsible for glowing of Mumbai's beaches in the dark.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : c

Noctiluca algae is green algae which is behind the scintillating phenomenon observed in oceans when they glow fluorescent blue at night. The Noctiluca algae is often reported to occur in patches or blooms in the Northern Arabian Sea. These striking green blooms often appear to glow at night due to a special phenomenon called bioluminescence, earning them the nickname 'sea sparkle'.

10. Consider the following statements.

1. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandhana Yojana is a Pension Scheme exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above.
2. The scheme is exempted from Service Tax/ GST.
3. It is implemented by Life Insurance Corporation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : d



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