Daily subject quiz – History (24-11-2026)

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Questions

1. Match the Harappan sites (List I) with the features found there (List II):
(a) Lothal – 1. Ploughed field
(b) Kalibangan – 2. Great Bath
(c) Mohenjo-daro – 3. Bead-making centre without a citadel
(d) Chanhudaro – 4. Dockyard

A. (a)-4, (b)-1, (c)-2, (d)-3
B. (a)-1, (b)-4, (c)-2, (d)-3
C. (a)-4, (b)-2, (c)-1, (d)-3
D. (a)-4, (b)-1, (c)-3, (d)-2

2. Consider the following statements about the Rigveda:
1. It is divided into ten mandalas.
2. The Gayatri mantra, addressed to Savitr, is in its third mandala.
3. The Purusha Sukta, which mentions the four varnas, is in its tenth mandala.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following statements about the ancient university of Nalanda:
1. It was founded in the 5th century CE during the reign of the Gupta ruler Kumaragupta I.
2. The Chinese pilgrim Xuanzang (Hiuen Tsang) studied there in the 7th century.
3. Its ruins were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2016.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

4. The Chishti order of Sufis was established in India at Ajmer by:

A. Nizamuddin Auliya

B. Baba Farid

C. Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti

D. Sheikh Salim Chishti

5. Consider the following statements about the Bahmani kingdom:

1. It was founded in 1347 by Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah.

2. Its capital was later shifted from Gulbarga to Bidar.

3. It was founded by Harihara and Bukka of the Sangama dynasty.

Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

6. Assertion (A): Muhammad bin Tughlaq's token currency experiment failed.

Reason (R): The State could not prevent the large-scale forgery of the bronze/copper tokens.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A

C. A is true, but R is false

D. A is false, but R is true

7. By the Treaty of Allahabad (1765), signed after the Battle of Buxar, the East India Company obtained from Mughal emperor Shah Alam II:

A. The right to trade duty-free in the Deccan

B. The Diwani (right to collect revenue) of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa

C. The cession of Delhi

D. The right to station troops in Awadh only

8. The Kheda Satyagraha of 1918, led by Gandhiji with Vallabhbhai Patel, demanded:

A. An end to the forced cultivation of indigo

B. A rise in the wages of mill workers

C. Suspension of land-revenue collection after crop failure

D. Repeal of the salt tax

9. Consider the following statements about the Cabinet Mission of 1946:
1. Its members were Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Sir Stafford Cripps and A.V. Alexander.
2. It accepted the demand for a separate, fully sovereign Pakistan.
3. It proposed a Constituent Assembly elected indirectly by the members of the provincial assemblies.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

10. The Indian Education Commission of 1882, appointed during the viceroyalty of Lord Ripon, was headed by:

A. Charles Wood
B. Thomas Raleigh
C. Michael Sadler
D. William Hunter

Answers with explanations

1. **A) (a)-4, (b)-1, (c)-2, (d)-3** – Lothal in Gujarat had a dockyard; Kalibangan in Rajasthan a ploughed field; Mohenjo-daro the Great Bath; Chanhudaro was a bead-making centre and the only Harappan city without a citadel.

2. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. The Rigveda has 10 mandalas and 1,028 hymns; the Gayatri mantra (Mandala III) is addressed to the solar deity Savitr, and the Purusha Sukta (Mandala X) is the earliest mention of the four varnas.

3. **D) 1, 2 and 3** – All three are correct. Nalanda Mahavihara grew under the Guptas, Harsha and the Palas; Xuanzang studied there under Shilabhadra, and the 'Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara' became a World Heritage Site in 2016.

4. **C) Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti** – Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti settled at Ajmer in the late 12th century and founded the Chishti order in India; his dargah is at Ajmer. Nizamuddin Auliya (Delhi), Baba Farid (Punjab) and Salim Chishti (Fatehpur Sikri) were later Chishti saints.

5. **A) 1 and 2 only** – Statement 3 is wrong: Harihara and Bukka founded the Vijayanagara kingdom (1336), the Bahmanis' great rival. The Bahmani kingdom (1347) moved its capital from Gulbarga to Bidar, where the minister Mahmud Gawan built a famous madrasa.

6. **A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A** – Both are true and R explains A. As the token coins were easy to copy, forged coins flooded the market and the experiment had to be withdrawn; the Sultan redeemed the tokens from the treasury. He also shifted the capital to Daulatabad (Devagiri).

7. **B) The Diwani (right to collect revenue) of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa** – In 1765 Robert Clive secured the Diwani of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa from Shah Alam II, giving the Company the land

revenue of these provinces and laying the base of British political power.

8. **C) Suspension of land-revenue collection after crop failure** – After crop failure in Kheda (Gujarat), peasants sought remission of land revenue; Gandhiji and Patel led a no-revenue campaign in 1918. Indigo was the issue at Champaran (1917) and wages at the Ahmedabad mill strike (1918).

9. **C) 1 and 3 only** – Statement 2 is wrong: the Mission rejected a separate sovereign Pakistan and proposed instead a Union with grouping of provinces. Its plan led to the elections to the Constituent Assembly by the provincial assemblies in July 1946.

10. **D) William Hunter** – The Hunter Commission (1882) under Sir William Wilson Hunter stressed primary education and its transfer to local bodies. Wood's Despatch was in 1854, the Raleigh Commission (universities) in 1902 and the Sadler Commission in 1917.

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