

# IAS Prelims 2021 Ancient Indian History Questions

1. Which one of the following ancient towns is well known for its elaborate system of water harvesting and management by building a series of dams and channelising water into connected reservoirs?

- (a) Dholavira
- (b) Kalibangan
- (c) Rakhigarhi
- (d) Ropar

2. From the decline of Guptas until the rise of Harshavardhana in the early seventh century, which of the following kingdoms were holding power in Northern India?

- (1) The Guptas of Magadha
- (2) The Paramaras of Malwa
- (3) The Pushyabhutis of Thanesar
- (4) The Maukharis of Kanauj
- (5) The Yadavas of Devagiri
- (6) The Maitrakas of Valabhi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 5
- (b) 1, 3, 4 and 6
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 5 and 6

3. With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

(1) Mitakshara was the civil law for upper castes and Dayabhaga was the civil law for lower castes.

(2) In the Mitakshara system, the sons can claim the right to the property during the lifetime of the father, whereas in the Dayabhaga system, it is only after the death of the father that the sons can claim the right to the property.

(3) The Mitakshara system deals with matters related to the property held by male members only of a family, whereas the Dayabhaga system deals with the matters related to the property held by both male and female members of a family.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3

(d) 3 only

4. With reference to the history of ancient India, Bhavabhuti, Hastimalla and Kshemeshvara were famous

(a) Jain monks

(b) playwrights

(c) temple architects

(d) philosophers

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1. a	2. b	3. b
4. b		

