

# Medieval History Questions

## UPSC Prelims [2022-13]

### Medieval Indian History Questions 2022

- In medieval India, the term “Fanam” referred to:
  - Clothing
  - Coins
  - Ornaments
  - Weapons
- With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements:
  - The first Mongol invasion of India happened during the reign of Jalal-ud-din Khalji.
  - During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city.
  - Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq temporarily lost portions of north-west of his kingdom to Mongols.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2
  - 2 only
  - 1 and 3
  - 3 only
- With reference to Indian history, who of the following were known as “Kulah-Daran” ?
    - Arab merchants
    - Qalandars
    - Persian calligraphists
    - Sayyids

4. Consider the following pairs:

King	Dynasty
1. Nannuka	Chandela
2. Jayashakti	Paramara
3. Nagabhata II	Gurjara-Pratihara
4. Bhoja	Rashtrakuta

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- Only one pair
  - Only two pairs
  - Only three pairs
  - All four pairs
- “Yogavāsistha” was translated into Persian by Nizamuddin Panipati during the reign of:
    - Akbar
    - Humayun
    - Shahjahan
    - Aurangzeb
  - The world’s second tallest statue in the sitting pose of Ramanuja was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India at Hyderabad recently. Which one of the following statements correctly represents the teachings of Ramanuja?
    - The best means of salvation was devotion.
    - Vedas are eternal, self-existent, and wholly authoritative.

- (c) Logical arguments were meant for the highest bliss.
- (d) Salvation was to be obtained through meditation.

UPSC Medieval History of India Questions in Prelims 2022 – Answers	
1. b	4. b
2. c	5. a
3. d	6. a

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2021

1. According to Portuguese writer Nuniz, the women in the Vijayanagara empire were expert in which of the following areas?

- (1) Wrestling
- (2) Astrology
- (3) Accounting
- (4) Soothsaying

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. Consider the following statements:

- (1) It was during the reign of Iltumish that Chengiz Khan reached the Indus in pursuit of the fugitive Khwarezm prince.
- (2) It was during the reign of Muhammad bin Tughluq that Taimur occupied Multan and crossed the Indus.
- (3) It was during the reign of Deva Raya II of the Vijayanagara Empire that Vasco da Gama reached the coast of Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2

(c) 3 only

(d) 2 and 3

3. With reference to medieval India, which one of the following is the correct sequence in ascending order in terms of size?

(a) Paragana – Sarkar – Suba

(b) Sarkar – Paragana – Suba

(c) Suba – Sarkar – Paragana

(d) Paragana – Suba – Sarkar

4. With reference to Indian history, which of the following statements is/are correct?

(1) The Nizamat of Arcot emerged out of Hyderabad state.

(2) The Mysore Kingdom emerged out of the Vijayanagara empire.

(3) Rohilkhand kingdom was formed out of the territories occupied by Ahmad Shah Durrani.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only

(c) 2 and 3

(d) 3 only

### Medieval History Questions UPSC Prelims 2021 – Solutions

1. d	2. a	3. a
4. a		

### Medieval Indian History Questions 2020

1. Consider the following events in the history of India :

(1) Rise of Pratiharas under King Bhoja

(2) Establishment of Pallava power under Mahendravarman – I

(3) Establishment of Chola power by Parantaka – I

(4) Pala dynasty founded by Gopala

What is the correct chronological order of the above events, starting from the earliest time?

(a) 2-1-4-3

(b) 3-1-4-2

- (c) 2-4-1-3
  - (d) 3-4-1-2
2. With reference to the history of India, the terms “kulyavapa” and “dronavapa” denote
- (a) measurement of land
  - (b) coins of different monetary value
  - (c) classification of urban land
  - (d) religious rituals

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2019

1. With reference to Mughal India, what is/are the difference/differences between Jagirdar and Zamindar?
- (1) Jagirdars were holders of land assignments in lieu of judicial and police duties, whereas Zamindars were holders of revenue rights without obligation to perform any duty other than revenue collection.
  - (2) Land assignments to Jagirdars were hereditary and revenue rights of Zamindars were not hereditary.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.**
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (e) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements:
- (1) In the revenue administration of Delhi Sultanate, the in-charge of revenue collection was known as 'Amil'.
  - (2) The Iqta system of Sultans of Delhi was an ancient indigenous institution.
  - (3) The office of 'Mir Bakshi' came into existence during the reign of Khalji Sultans of Delhi.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3
3. Consider the following statements:
- (1) Saint Nimbarka was a contemporary of Akbar.
  - (2) Saint Kabir was greatly influenced by Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Who among the following Mughal Emperors shifted emphasis from illustrated manuscripts to the album and individual portrait?
- (a) Humayun
  - (b) Akbar
  - (c) Jahangir
  - (d) Shah Jahan

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2018

1. With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following statements :
- (1) White marble was used in making Buland Darwaza and Khankah at Fatehpur Sikri.
  - (2) Red sandstone and marble were used in making Bara Imambara and Rumi Darwaza at Lucknow.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2017

1. Which one of the following was a very important seaport in the Kakatiya kingdom?

- (a) Kakinada
- (b) Motupalli
- (c) Machilipatnam (Masulipatnam)
- (d) Nelluru

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2016

1. Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijayanagar, consider the following statements :

- (1) The tax rate on land was fixed depending on the quality of the land.
- (2) Private owners of workshops paid an industry tax.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Banjaras during the medieval period of Indian history were generally

- (a) agriculturists
- (b) warriors
- (c) weavers
- (d) traders

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2015

1. Consider the following pairs:

Medieval Indian State	Present Region
Champaka	Central India
Durgura	Jammu
Kuluta	Malabar

Which of the above pairs is / are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3

(d) 1 and 3 Only

2. Consider the following:

The arrival of Babur into India led to the

(1) introduction of gunpowder in the subcontinent

(2) introduction of the arch and dome in the region's architecture

(3) establishment of Timurid dynasty in the region

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

3. With reference to Indian history, which of the following is/are the essential elements of the feudal system?

(1) A very strong centralized political authority and a very weak provincial or local political authority

(2) Emergence of administrative structure based on control and possession of land

(3) Creation of lord-vassal relationship between the feudal lord and his overlord

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2014

1. In medieval India, the designations 'Mahattara' and 'Pattakila' were used for

(a) military officers

(b) village headmen

(c) specialists in Vedic rituals

(d) chiefs of craft guilds

2. Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri was

(a) the mosque for the use of Royal Family

(b) Akbar's private chamber prayer

(c) the hall in which Akbar held discussions with scholars of various religions.

(d) the room in which the nobles belonging to different religions gathered to discuss religious affairs

## Medieval Indian History Questions 2013

1. Consider the following Bhakti Saints:

1. Dadu Dayal

2. Guru Nanak

3. Tyagaraja

Who among the above was/were preaching when the Lodi dynasty fell and Babur took over?

(a) 1 and 3

(b) 2 only

(c) 2 and 3

(d) 1 and 2

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2020	1. C 2. A
2019	1. D 2. A 3. A 4. D
2018	1. A
2017	1. B
2016	1. C 2. D
2015	1. B 2. C
2014	1. B 2. C
2013	1. B