

# Ancient Cities of Tamilagam

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## I. Choose the correct answer

### Question 1.

Which of the following region has a city more than 6500 years old?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Indus valley
- (c) Tamilagam
- (d) Thondaimandalam

**Answer:**

- (a) Iraq

### Question 2.

Which one of the following is a Tamil city?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Harappa
- (c) Mohenjo-Daro
- (d) Kancheepuram

**Answer:**

- (d) Kancheepuram

### Question 3.

Which city is not related to the Bay of Bengal?

- (a) Poompuhar
- (b) Thondi
- (c) Korkai
- (d) Kancheepuram

**Answer:**

- (b) Madurai

### Question 4.

The water management system of Tamils are known from

- a. Kallanai
- b. Tanks in Kancheepuram
- c. Prakirama Pandyan Tank
- d. River Cauvery

- (a) (a) is correct
- (b) (b) is correct
- (c) (c) is correct
- (d) (a) and (b) are correct

**Answer:**

- (d) (a) and (b) are correct

**Question 5.**

Which is not the oldest city among the following ones?

- (a) Madurai
- (b) Kancheepuram
- (c) Poompuhar
- (d) Chennai

**Answer:**

- (a) Madurai

**Question 6.**

Which city is related to Keezhadi excavation?

- (a) Madurai
- (b) Kancheepuram
- (c) Poompuhar
- (d) Harappa

**Answer:**

- (a) Madurai

**II. Tick the appropriate answer. Match the statement with the reason**

**Question 1.**

Statement: Goods were imported and exported from the city of Poompuhar.

Reason: the Bay of Bengal was suitable for trading with neighbouring countries.

- (a) Statement is correct, but the reason is wrong.
- (b) Statement and its reason are correct.
- (c) Statement is wrong, but the reason is correct.
- (d) Both are wrong.

**Answer:**

- (b) Statement and its reason are correct.

**Question 2.**

(a) Thirunavukkarasar said “kalviyil karaiillatha”. This statement refers to the city of Kancheepuram.

(b) Hieun Tsang said, “Kancheepuram is one among the seven sacred places of India”.

(c) Kalidasa said, “Kancheepuram is the best city among the cities”

(a) only a is correct (b) the only b is correct

(c) the only c is correct (d) All are correct

**Answer:**

(d) All are correct!

**Question 3.**

Find out the correct statement

(a) Naalangadi – Night shop

(b) Allangdi – Day -time shop

(c) Ancient Roman coin factory was found at Poompuhar.

(d) Pearls were exported from Uvari near Korkai.

**Answer:**

(d) Pearls were exported from Uvari near Korkai

**Question 4.**

Find out the wrong statement.

(a) Megasthenes has mentioned Madurai in his account.

(b) Hien Tsang came to the Tamil city of Kancheepuram.

(c) Kovalan and Kannagi lived in Kancheepuram.

(d) Iraq is mentioned in Pattinapalai.

**Answer:**

(c) Kovalan and Kannagi lived in Kancheepuram.

**Question 5.**

Find out the correct pair

(a) Koodal Nagar – Poompuhar

(b) Thoonga Nagaram – Harappa

(c) City of Education – Madurai

(d) City of Temples – Kancheepuram

**Answer:**

(d) City of Temples – Kancheepuram

**Question 6.**

Find out the wrong pair

- (a) Vadamalai – Gold
- (c) Southern Sea – Pearls
- (b) Western Ghats – Sandal
- (d) Eastern Sea – Ahil

**Answer:**

- (d) Eastern Sea – Ahil

**III. Fill in the blanks**

- 1. Kanchi Kailasanathar temple was built by .....
- 2. .... is known as the city of temples.
- 3. Masathuvan means .....

**Answer:**

- 1. Raja Simh
- 2. Kanchi
- 3. A big trader

**IV. State True or False:**

- 1. Cultural relationship with the outside world developed in Poompuhar because of its trade relationship with it.
- 2. Women also purchased from Allangadi of Madurai without fear.
- 3. Many rock-cut temples were made during the Pallava period.
- 4. Bodhi Dharma belonged to Kancheepuram.

**Answer:**

- 1. True
- 2. True
- 3. False
- 4. True

**V. Answer in one word****Question 1.**

What do you know about the term 'export'?

**Answer:**

Exports are goods and services produced in one country and purchased by the citizens of another country.

**Question 2.**

Mention the epic and the Sangam poem you read in this lesson.

**Answer:**

1. The epic is Silapthikaram (or) Manimegalai.
2. Sangam Literature is Pattinappaalai.

**Question 3.**

Which is the oldest city in Thondai Nadu?

**Answer:**

Kanchi is the oldest city in Thondai Nadu.

**Question 4.**

Point out any difference between a village and a city.

**Answer:**

A village will have a small group of settlements whereas a city will have a large group of settlements.

**Question 5.**

Which civilization is associated with the city Lothal?

**Answer:**

The Indus Valley Civilisation is associated with the city Lothal.

**Question 6.**

Name the oldest civilization of the world

**Answer:**

Mesopotamian civilization is the earliest civilization in the world.

**VI. Answer the following**

**Question 1.**

Write a brief note on ancient cities in India?

**Answer:**

1. Harappa and Mohenjodaro were prominent cities of ancient India.

2. They developed along the banks of the river Indus.
3. They were the symbol of urban civilization.
4. They had very good town planning, a well-constructed house, well-maintained drainage system.
5. They had very good civic sense.
6. They developed pottery, ornaments as well as a script which is yet to be deciphered.

**Question 2.**

Mention the ancient cities of Tamil Nadu.

**Answer:**

1. In Tamizhagam the well-known cities were Madurai, Kanchi, and Poompuhar.
2. Poompuhar is one of the oldest towns in ancient Tamizhagam.
3. Madurai has been one of the oldest cities in India.
4. It is known as "Sangam Valartha Nagaram"
5. Kanchi is the oldest town in Thondai Nadu.
6. Scholars like Dharmabalar, Jothibalar, Sumathi, and Bodhi Dharma were born in Kanchi.

**Question 3.**

Discuss the sources available to know about Tamil cities?

**Answer:**

1. Tamil literature, accounts of foreign travellers, and archaeological finds provide information about the ancient towns of Tamizhagam.
2. Sangam Tamil Literature Pattinappaalai and Tamil epics Silappathikaram and Manimegalai have references about Poompuhar.
3. Madurai is proudly associated with three Sangams.
4. The fame of Madurai can be attested from the accounts of the Greek historian Megasthenes.
5. Chanakya mentions Madurai in his famous work Arthashastra.
6. The Chinese Traveller Hieun Tsang writes about the greatness of Kanchi.
7. Poet Kalidasa refers to Kanchi as the best of the towns.

**Question 4.**

Write about the kings who ruled Madurai.

1. Pandyas, the Cholas and later the Kalabras ruled Madurai in the ancient

2. During medieval times, later Cholas and later Pandyas followed by the Nayaks ruled this historic town.

**Question 5.**

Mention the other names of Madurai?

**Answer:**

1. Sangam Valartha Nagaram
2. Thoonga Nagaram (the city that never sleeps).
3. Koodal Nagar are the other names of Madurai

**Question 6.**

What is the difference between Naalaugadi and Allangadi?

**Answer:**

**Naalangadi**

1. It is Day Marget.
2. It works only in the day time.

**Allangadi**

1. It is the evening Market.
2. It works only in the Evening,

**Question 7.**

Name the scholars who were born at Kancheepuram

**Answer:**

Scholars like Dharmabalar, Jothibalar, Sumathi, and Bodhi Dharma were bom in Kanchi.

**Question 8.**

Which is known as the city of lakes? Why?

**Answer:**

1. Water management played an important role in the agrarian society of those times.
2. Hundreds of lakes were created for storing water around the town of Kanchi.
3. These lakes were well connected with canals.
4. During the later period, Kanchi came to be known as the district of lakes.

## **VII. HOTS**

### **Question 1.**

Write a short note on Iraq.

**Answer:**

1. Modern Iraq was called Mesopotamia in the ancient period. It was the birthplace of Sumerian civilization.
2. Iraq is watered by two rivers namely Euphrates and Tigris.
3. It is an important trading centre.
4. Pattinappaalai speaks about the trade relations of Iraq With other countries.

### **Question 2.**

Write a paragraph about the city of Poompuhar with special reference to trade.

**Answer:**

1. Poompuhar was a port.
2. Big traders and sea traders had settled down there.
3. Numerous merchants from foreign countries such as Greece and Rome landed at Poompuhar.
4. Brisk seaborne trade took place in Puhar.
5. Foreign traders stayed on indefinitely at Puhar.
6. There is evidence of foreign settlements in the town.

### **Question 3.**

Write about the accounts given by scholars about Kanchi.

**Answer:**

1. Poet Kalidasa says "Kanchi is the best of the towns".
2. Poet Thirunavukarasar praises Kanchi as "Kalviyil Karaiillatha Kanchi.
3. Hieun Tsang has said,"Kanchi can be counted as one among the seven sacred places like Budh Gaya and Sanchi".

### **Question 4.**

City of temple Gives short notes.

**Answer:**

1. Kanchi is also known as the Temple city.
2. The famous Kailasanathar temple is at Kanchi.



3. There are a large number of cave temples in Kanchi. So Kanchi is known as the Temple city.

**Question 5.**

Kancheepuram was famous for education. Prove this statement

**Answer:**

1. Several schools were established in great numbers in Kanchi.
2. There were Jainpallis and Viharas.
3. The Chinese traveller Hieun Tsang visited Kanchi Kadigai to continue his studies
4. Tamil poet saint Thirunavukarasar praises Kanchi as 'Kalviyil karaiillatha Kanchi'.

**VIII. Student Activity**

1. Make an album about Keezhadi excavations.
2. Poompuhar was famous for trading activities. Discuss.
3. Collect the pictures of Pallava temple architecture.
4. Prepare a Booklet describing the famous lakes of Tamilnadu.
5. Make a booklet about the famous cities of Tamilnadu.
6. Go to the library and find out the places of importance in your district.

**IX. Answer Grid**

**Question 1.**

Poompuhar was located on which riverbank?

**Answer:**

Cauvery

**Question 2.**

Name the ancient city which had Tamil Sangam.

**Answer:**

Madurai

**Question 3.**

Name a Sangam literary work.

**Answer:**

Pattinappaalai

**Question 4.**

Which Greek historian gave accounts about the Pandya kingdom?

**Answer:**

Megasthenes

**Question 5.**

To which the Tamil Kingdom did the southern districts of Tamil Nadu belong to during the Sangam Age?

**Answer:**

Pandyas.

**Question 6.**

Name the Chinese traveller who stayed and studied in Nalanda University.

**Answer:**

Hieun Tsang

**Question 7.**

Thirunavukarasar mentioned Kanchi as \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

Kalviyil karaiillatha Kanchi

**Question 8.**

What is the name of the evening market during the Sangam Age?

**Answer:**

Allangadi

**Question 9.**

Name the temple built by Pallava king Rajasimha at Kanchi.

**Answer:**

Kailasanathar

Temple.

**Question 10.**

Which district is known as the district of lakes?

**Answer:**

Kanchi

**Question 11.**

What is trade?

**Answer:**

The act of buying and selling goods and services is called trade.

**Question 12.**

Name a port located on the shore of the Bay of Bengal

**Answer:**

Chennai.

**X. Life Skill (For Students)**

**1. Make a handout that shows the importance of the place where you live.**

**I. Choose the correct answer**

**Question 1.**

The earliest civilization in the world is .....

- (a) Egyptian Civilization
- (b) Chinese civilization
- (c) Indus valley civilization
- (d) Mesopotamian civilization

**Answer:**

- (d) Mesopotamian civilization

**Question 2.**

Name the place related to the export of Sandal.

- (a) the Western Ghats
- (b) Southern Sea
- (c) Eastern Sea
- (d) Elam

**Answer:**

- (a) the Western Ghats

**Question 3.**

Kailasanathar temple was built by .....

- (a) Mahendra varman
- (b) Narasimha Varman
- (c) Raja Simha

(d) Aparajitha

**Answer:**

(c) Raja Simha

**Question 4.**

Ahil was a

- (a) Port
- (b) Fragrant wood
- (c) Educated centre
- (d) Ornament

**Answer:**

(b) Fragrant wood

**Question 5.**

Puhar served as the port of .....

- (a) Chera kingdom
- (b) Chola kingdom
- (c) Pandya kingdom
- (d) Kalabras

**Answer:**

(b) Chola kingdom

## **II. Fill in the blanks**

1. Sea traders are known by the name .....
2. Chanakya was Chandragupta's .....
3. The Buddhist monk Manimegalai spent the last part of her life at .....

**Answer:**

1. Maanaigan
2. Minister
3. Kanchi

## **III. State True or False**

1. The lead female character of Silappathikaram is Manimegalai
2. The present-day Thanjavur was once part of Chera Nadu
3. Poompuhar served as the port of the early Chola kingdom
4. Silappathikaram speaks about the greatness of Poompuhar

5. Many cave temples were built during the Pallava period

**Answer:**

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True

**IV. Answer the following**

**Question 1.**

How was Poompuhar different from other towns?

**Answer:**

Each social group had a separate settlement

Streets were broad and straight, dotted with well-designed houses.

There was also a dockyard

**V. Mind map**

