

Chapter – 1

Tamils Around the World

I. Choose the correct answer :

Question 1.

One of the official languages of Sri Lanka is _____.

- (a) Mandarin
- (b) Hindi
- (c) Tamil
- (d) Sanskrit

Answer:

- (c) Tamil

Question 2.

Modern Singapore was founded in _____.

- (a) 1819
- (b) 1820
- (c) 1947
- (d) 1835

Answer:

- (a) 1819

Question 3.

In ancient times, Kedah state in Malaysia connected with _____ of Tamil Nadu by sea route.

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Nagapattinam
- (c) Madurai
- (d) Chennai

Answer:

Nagapattinam

Question 4.

Principal religion of Myanmar is _____.

- (a) Hinduism
- (b) Jainism
- (c) Buddhism
- (d) Sikhism

Answer:

- (c) Buddhism

Question 5.

In the year _____ British captured Mauritius.

- (a) 1810
- (b) 1820
- (c) 1910
- (d) 1920

Answer:

- (a) 1810

II. Match the Following :

Question 1.

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| 2. Lieutenant - Governor | - Ratu Joni |
| 3. Thirukurali | - Nagapattinam |
| 4. Postal Museum | - Myanmar |
| 5. Ancient port | - Mauritius |

Answer:

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III. Write True or False :

Question 1.

Pallava and Cholas influenced Malaysia.

Answer:

True

Question 2.

Fiji is a group of volcanic islands in the South Pacific.

Answer:

True

Question 3.

King Kyansittha is the son of King Anawrahta Minsaw.

Answer:

True

Question 4.

The Reunion Island is a part of the French Overseas Department.

Answer:

True

Question 5.

Tamils are living only in Tamil Nadu.

Answer:

False

IV. Answer the following questions.

Question 1.

Describe the past relations between Tamil Nadu and Malaysia.

Answer:

- The relations between Tamil Nadu and Malaysia have existed for more than 2000 years.
- In ancient times, Tamils' ships reached the modern Malaysian state of Kedah (Kadaaram in Tamil).
- Tamils influenced the cultural and political nature of Malaysia at the time of Pallava and Cholas.

Question 2.

Write a note on Reunion Island.

Answer:

- Reunion is an island located in the Indian Ocean, near Mauritius.
- It is a part of the French Overseas Department.

Question 3.

Name the countries in which Tamil is one of the official languages.

Answer:

Tamil is an official language in three countries namely India, Sri Lanka and Singapore

Question 4.

What were the contributions of Tamils in constructing the country Mauritius?

Answer:

- Many Tamils were brought from, in and around Puducherry from 1731 AD(CE).
- Generally, slaves who lived here were mere labourers but, Tamils went there as skilled labourers and artisans.
- The Tamils helped the French make this island suitable to live and to construct many buildings.

Question 5.

(a) Which is one of the biggest Hindu festivals in Malaysia?

(b) Who is the father of nation in Myanmar?

Answer:

(a) One of the biggest Hindu festivals in Malaysia is Thaipusam.

(b) King Anawrahta Minsaw was the founder of the Empire.