

Through the Eyes of Travellers

Question 1.

Which Portuguese writer provided a detailed account of trade and society in South India?

- (a) Jean-Baptiste Tavernier
- (b) Duarte Barbosa
- (c) Francois Bernier
- (d) Ibn Battuta

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Duarte Barbosa

Question 2.

Which of the following was not one of the barriers as discussed by Al-Biruni?

- (a) Language
- (b) Slavery in the eastern societies
- (c) Difference in religious beliefs and practices
- (d) Self-absorption and the resulting ignorance of the local population

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Slavery in the eastern societies

Question 3.

Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- (a) According to Ibn Battuta, the nut of the coconut tree looked similar to a man's head.
- (b) According to Bernier, the Indian peasantry was exploited by the landlords.
- (c) Abdur Razzaq is perhaps the only historian who provided a detailed account of the working of the imperial karkhanas or workshops.
- (d) Ibn Battuta gave a detailed account of slavery in India.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Abdur Razzaq is perhaps the only historian who provided a detailed account of the working of the imperial karkhanas or workshops.

Question 4.

Who wrote Kitab-ul-Hind?

- (a) Ibn Battuta
- (b) Al-Biruni
- (c) Francois Bernier
- (d) Marco Polo

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Al-Biruni

Question 5.

What are the subjects on which travellers compiled their accounts?

- (a) Affairs of the court
- (b) Religious issues
- (c) Architecture
- (d) All of the above

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Answer: (d) All of the above

Question 6.

Who gave us the most important description of Vijayanagara in the 15th century?

- (a) Ibn Battuta
- (b) Abdur Razzaq
- (c) Francois Bernier
- (d) Marco Polo

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Answer: (b) Abdur Razzaq

Question 7.

Which of the following travellers came to India during the 17th century?

- (a) Marco Polo
- (b) Antonio Monserrate
- (c) Ibn Battuta
- (d) Francois Bernier

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Answer: (d) Francois Bernier

Question 8.

Who is the author of Rihla?

- (a) Mahmud Wali Balkhi
- (b) Duarte Barbosa
- (c) Ibn Battuta
- (d) Al-Biruni

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Ibn Battuta

Question 9.

Who translated several Sanskrit works including Patanjali's work on grammar into Arabic?

- (a) Mahmud Wali Balkhi
- (b) Al-Biruni

- (c) Marco Polo
- (d) Ibn Battuta

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Al-Biruni

Question 10.

Where did Al-Biruni develop an interest in India?

- (a) Ghazni
- (b) Punjab
- (c) China
- (d) Syria

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Answer: (a) Ghazni

Question 11.

Find out from the following pairs which one is correctly matched:

- (a) Rihla : Francois Bernier
- (b) Travels in the Mughal Empire : Ibn Batuta
- (c) Kitab-ul-Hind : Al-Biruni

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Answer: (c) Kitab-ul-Hind : Al-Biruni

Question 12.

Indicate which of the following statements is NOT correct.

- (a) Al-Beruni came to India in the eleventh century from Uzbekistan.
- (b) Ibn Batuta came to India in the fourteenth century from Morocco.
- (c) Abdur Razzaq came to India in the fifteenth century from Herat.
- (d) Francois Bernier came to India in the seventeenth century from Portugal.

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Answer: (d) Francois Bernier came to India in the seventeenth century from Portugal.

Question 13.

Which Portuguese writer wrote a detailed account of trade and society in south India?

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Answer: Duarte Barbosa

Question 14.

_____ is the science of measurement.

▼ Answer

Answer: Metrology

Question 15.
Match the following.

(i) Jean-Baptiste Tavernier	(a) England
(ii) Antonio Monserrate	(b) Portugal
(iii) Duarte Barbosa	(c) France
(iv) Peter Mundy	(d) Spain

Choose the correct option

- (a) i – b, ii – c, iii – a, iv – d
- (b) i – c, ii – a, iii – b, iv – d
- (c) i – c, ii – d, iii – b, iv – a
- (d) i – d, ii – a, iii – b, iv – c

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) i – c, ii – d, iii – b, iv – a

Question 16.
Identify the following image and write its name.



▼ Answer

Answer: It is a terracotta sculpture of a boat carrying passengers from a temple in Bengal (c. seventeenth-eighteenth centuries).

Question 17.
Identify the following image and write its name.



▼ Answer

Answer: It is a sculpted panel from Mathura depicting travellers.

Question 18.

Consider the following statements regarding Al-Biruni's description of the caste system.

- (i) Al-Biruni disapproved of the notion of pollution.
- (ii) He suggested that social division was unique to India.
- (iii) He believed the concept of social pollution, intrinsic to the caste system was contrary to the laws of nature.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) I and III
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and II
- (d) III only

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) I and III

Question 19.

Given below are two statements, one labelled as Assertion (A) and the other labelled as Reason (R):

Assertion (A): Most families kept at least one or two female slaves as domestic labour.

Reason (R): Prices of female slaves for domestic labour were very low.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is correct but (R) is not correct.
- (d) (R) is correct but (A) is not correct.

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Question 20.

Read the information given below: Identify and name the text.

Ibn Battuta's book of travels written in Arabic provides extremely rich and interesting details about the social

and cultural life in the Subcontinent in the fourteenth century.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Rihla

Question 21.

Read the information given below:
Identify and name the text.

It is a voluminous text, written in Arabic, divided into 80 chapters on subjects such as religion and philosophy, festivals, astronomy, alchemy, manners and customs, social life, weights and measures, iconography, laws, and metrology.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Kitab-ul-Hind

Question 22.

Who was the Sultan of Delhi when Ibn Batutta came to India?

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Muhammad Bin Tughlaq
