

Chapter 11: Kingdoms in South India

EXERCISE [PAGE 83]

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (1) | Page 83

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

The name of the well-known king of Vakatah dynasty was _____.

1. Sarvasena
2. **Pravarasena**
3. Jaising
4. Chandragupta

SOLUTION

The name of the well-known king of Vakatah dynasty was **Pravarasena**.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (2) | Page 83

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

After the conquest in South, Pulakeshin II took up the title of _____.

1. **Parameshwara**
2. Vishayapati
3. Deshahapati
4. Satyajay

SOLUTION

After the conquest in South, Pulakeshin II took up the title of **Parameshwara**.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (3) | Page 83

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

Kalidasa composed _____ at Ramtek in Vidarbha.

1. Shakuntal
2. **Meghdoot**
3. Malavikagnimitra
4. Harivijay

SOLUTION

Kalidasa composed **Meghdoot** at Ramtek in Vidarbha.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (4) | Page 83

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

The world famous Kailasa temple was built during the _____ period.

1. Chalukya
2. Pallava
3. Cher
4. **Rashtrakuta**

SOLUTION

The world famous Kailasa temple was built during the **Rashtrakuta** period.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (B) | Page 83

Find the incorrect pair from set B and write the correct ones.

| Set 'A' | Set 'B' |
|---------------------|-------------|
| (1) Setubandh | Panini |
| (2) Harivijay | Sarvasena |
| (3) Indica | Megasthenes |
| (4) Sangit Ratnakar | Sharangdev |

SOLUTION

| Set 'A' | Set 'B' |
|-----------------|---------|
| (1) Ashtadhyayi | Panini |

Exercise | Q Q.2 (1) | Page 83

Explain the following statement with reasons.

A strong rule of the Chalukyas was created in south India

SOLUTION

1. The Chalukya dynasty ruled in the south for approximately 200 years.
2. Jaising the founder of this dynasty established his capital at Vatapi (Badami)
Pulakeshin I was an important king of this dynasty who performed the Ashwamedha sacrifice.
3. After him, his son Kirtivarman I came to power. During his reign, he conquered the Kadambas of Vanvasi (Karwar) and Mauryas of Aparanta (North Konkan) and expanded his rule.
4. The greatest king of the Chalukyas was Pulakeshin II.
5. He performed the Digvijaya and strengthened the power of the Chalukyas.
6. His achievements are described by Ravikirti, a poet. He defeated Harshavardhan thus, acquiring great fame.

Exercise | Q Q.2 (2) | Page 83

Explain the following statement with reasons.

Yadava period has a special importance in the history of Maharashtra.

SOLUTION

1. Yadava dynasty is one of the important dynasties of Medieval Maharashtra.
2. During this period there was a notable development in the cultural sphere of Maharashtra.
3. The Mahanubhav and Warkari sects had a beginning in the Yadava period.
4. During this period, Patan in Khandesh, Solotagi in Karnataka, and Paithan in Maharashtra became important centres of learning.
5. Sanskrit texts were written on subjects like Dharmashastra, 'Purva Mimansa' (philosophical text), Nyaya and Vedanta.
6. Many important texts were composed at this time for eg. composition of saint poets like Namadeva, Janabai etc. Many temples were built of the Hemadipanti style at this time.
7. An important feature of the Hemadipanti temples is that no mortar was used.

Exercise | Q Q.3 (1) | Page 83

Write short notes.

Administrative system in South India

SOLUTION

1. There were officials like 'Mahadandanayaka', 'Rashtrika', 'Deshadhikruta', 'Amatya', 'Ayukta', etc.
2. The council of officers in the Chola kingdom was called 'Udankuttam'.
3. The kingdom was divided into many provinces. These provinces were known as 'Mandalam'.
4. A member of the royal family was the chief of the Mandalam.
5. There were many officers under him such as 'Vishayapati', 'Deshadhipati', 'Deshadhikrut', 'Rashtrika', etc.
6. The administration of the Southern kingdoms was very efficient. Village autonomy was an important feature.
7. The 'Gramasabha' (village council) looked after the village administration.
8. The head of the Gramasabha was known by different names such as 'Gramabhojaka', 'Gramakuta' etc.
9. Land revenue was the main source of income for the state.
10. Apart from it the excise tax, professional tax, pilgrimage tax were the sources of income.

Exercise | Q Q.3 (2) | Page 83

Write short notes.

Coins in South Indian dynasties

SOLUTION

1. The Maurya coins were in circulation in South India.
2. After the decline of Mauryas, the Pandyas issued their own punch marked coins.
3. The images like sun, horse, stupa, tree, fish were carved on it.
4. On the Chera coins, there used to be a bow and arrow on one side and an image of an elephant on the other.
5. On the Chola coins, the symbol of the tiger as the royal emblem of Cholas is depicted.
6. The Chola coins were made of gold, silver and the legends were inscribed in Devnagari script.
7. The coins belonging to Chalukya king Rajaraja are issued in three metals gold, silver, and copper, with the image of Rajaraja and a tiger.
8. Due to the trade with Rome, many Roman coins are found.

Exercise | Q Q.4 | Page 83

Answer the following question in brief with the help of points given below.

Describe the rule of Shilahara dynasty.

- a. Founder
- b. Shilahara of south Kokan
- c. Shilaharas of north Kokan
- d. Shilaharas of Kolhapur

SOLUTION

- a. **Founder:** Jimutvahan is considered to be the founder of all three branches. They ruled for almost three hundred years as the feudatories of Rashtrakutas and later the Chalukyas.
- b. **Shilahara of South Konkan:** Sanatulla established the South Konkan branch of Shilaharas. His son, Dhammiyar set up the village of Vallipattana and built a fort there. Later King Adityavarma expanded his kingdom from Thane to Goa. Rattaraj was the last ruler of this dynasty. One of the copper plates found at Kharepatan gives an account of the history of this dynasty.
- c. **Shilaharas of North Konkan:** Kapardi established the North Konkan branch of Shilaharas. Their capital was at Sthanak (Thane). Aparajita was an important king of this branch. He ruled for around thirty-five years. He was followed by Chittaraj.
- d. **Shilaharas of Kolhapur:** The modern districts of Satara, Sangli, Ratnagiri, and Belgaum were included in this kingdom. Jatiga established the Kolhapur branch of Shilaharas. Bhoj II was an important king of this dynasty. Kolhapur, Valivade, and Panhala were the capitals of this kingdom. 'Koppeshwar Mahadev' temple at Khidrapur was the creation of Shilaharas.