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QUIZ
PART-07

1. Which language was used for the inscription on Shivaji's royal seal?
A. Arabic
B. Sanskrit
C. Persian
D. Portuguese (B)

Explanation : Shivaji used Sanskrit on his royal seal instead of the Persian commonly used during that period.

2. Which ruler established the first printing press in India started by a native ruler?
A. Ekoji
B. Chhatrapati Shivaji
C. Serfoji II
D. Kanhoji Angre (C)

Explanation : Serfoji II of Thanjavur established the first printing press in India started by an Indian ruler.

3. Why was the Rajya-Vyavahara-Kosha commissioned?
A. To provide Sanskrit equivalents for Persian administrative and diplomatic terms
B. To record only temple donations
C. To teach European navigation
D. To list Mughal military ranks (A)

Explanation : The work promoted the use of Marathi and Sanskrit in administration by replacing Persian terminology.

4. Which script was mainly used by the Marathas for correspondence?
A. Persian
B. Arabic
C. Modi
D. Roman (C)

Explanation : Modi, a cursive form related to Devanagari, was widely used in Maratha correspondence.

5. Which statement best reflects Shivaji's religious policy?
A. He destroyed all non-Maratha institutions
B. He prohibited traditional arts
C. He respected other religions while remaining a devout Hindu
D. He supported only Persian literature (C)

Explanation : Shivaji followed Hindu traditions but treated other religions and their places of worship with respect.

6. Who conquered Thanjavur and began Maratha rule there?
A. Ekoji
B. Mahadji Shinde
C. Serfoji II
D. Kanhoji Angre (A)

Explanation : Ekoji, Shivaji's half-brother, established Maratha rule in Thanjavur.

7. Which work was written by Serfoji II?
A. Adnyapatra
B. Rajya-Vyavahara-Kosha
C. Ain-i-Akbari
D. Devendra Kuravanji (D)

Explanation : Serfoji II wrote the Marathi play Devendra Kuravanji, which included information about world geography.

8. What was Dhanwantari Mahal?
A. A sea fort
B. A centre for Indian and Western medicine
C. A printing workshop only
D. A revenue office (B)

Explanation : Serfoji II established Dhanwantari Mahal as a medical centre that also provided free treatment.

9. Which cultural development received support from the Thanjavur Marathas?
A. Modern Carnatic music and early Bharatanatyam
B. European opera alone
C. Abolition of temple arts
D. Only Persian court poetry (A)

Explanation : The Thanjavur Marathas supported musicians and dancers and contributed to the development of Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam.

10. What made Thanjavur under the Marathas a distinctive cultural centre?
A. Complete separation of local cultures
B. A ban on drama and music
C. Exclusive use of one language
D. Free interaction among Tamil, Telugu and Marathi cultures (D)

Explanation : Tamil, Telugu and Marathi cultural traditions interacted and influenced one another under Maratha rule.