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QUIZ
PART-05

1. Which feature characterised Shivaji's administrative system?
 A. Weak royal authority
 B. Centralised administration with strong royal authority
 C. Complete rule by hereditary nobles
 D. Administration controlled from London (B)

Explanation : Shivaji established a centralised administrative system under strong royal control.

2. Why were hereditary posts abolished?
 A. To end the state treasury
 B. To promote only foreign officials
 C. To increase feudal control
 D. To reduce feudal control (D)

Explanation : Ending hereditary appointments prevented powerful families from permanently controlling government offices.

3. How were officials generally paid in Shivaji's administration?
 A. Through salaries from the state treasury
 B. Only through captured treasure
 C. By foreign merchants
 D. Only through hereditary jagirs (A)

Explanation : Officials were paid salaries from the treasury instead of being granted hereditary control over land.

4. Which measure reflected Shivaji's welfare approach towards soldiers' families?
 A. Ending all pensions
 B. Removing soldiers' sons from service
 C. Providing pensions to soldiers' widows
 D. Forcing widows to pay military tax (C)

Explanation : The state provided pensions to widows and employment opportunities to the sons of soldiers.

5. What did Shivaji's instructions regarding mango and jackfruit trees emphasise?
 A. All orchards belonged to the navy
 B. Only foreign trees should be protected
 C. Trees could be cut without permission
 D. Officials should avoid oppression and respect people's attachment to trees (D)

Explanation : Shivaji ordered officials to obtain permission, provide compensation and avoid causing suffering to the people.

6. What was the Ashta Pradhan Mandal?
 A. A group of eight forts
 B. A council of eight ministers
 C. A body of European traders
 D. A cavalry division (B)

Explanation : The Ashta Pradhan Mandal was an eight-member council established to assist Shivaji in administration.

7. Which minister served as the head of administration and Prime Minister?
 A. Panditrao B. Mantri
 C. Peshwa D. Sumant (C)

Explanation : The Peshwa, also known as the Pradhan, acted as Prime Minister and head of administration.

8. Which official managed revenue and accounts?
 A. Amatya
 B. Sachiv
 C. Nyayadhish
 D. Senapati (A)

Explanation : The Amatya served as the finance minister and managed state revenue and accounts.

9. Which pairing is correct?
 A. Mantri — Foreign Affairs Minister
 B. Sumant — Foreign Affairs Minister
 C. Sumant — Commander-in-Chief
 D. Senapati — Chief Justice (B)

Explanation : The Sumant managed diplomatic relations and foreign affairs.

10. Which option correctly gives the rates of Chauth and Sardeshmukhi?
 A. Chauth 10% and Sardeshmukhi 25%
 B. Chauth 50% and Sardeshmukhi 5%
 C. Chauth 5% and Sardeshmukhi 50%
 D. Chauth 25% and Sardeshmukhi 10% (D)

Explanation : Chauth was collected at 25%, while Sardeshmukhi was an additional levy of 10%.