Who ruled the State of Goa between 1510 and 1961?
- the English
- the Danes
- the Portuguese
- the Dutch

The main religion of Ancient Sri Lanka was:
- Shaivism
- Jainism
- Vaishnavism
- Buddhism

Which form Shiva is found in the sanctuary of the Shiva temples, from the earliest temples onward?
- a seated Shiva
- Shiva and Parvati
- a standing Shiva
- a linga

Who is the author of the *Tiruppugal*?
- Tiruvalluvar
- Manikkavasakar
- Sambandar
- Arunagirinadar

Nalanda University, the ancient University created during the Gupta era, is located in Magadha, in the modern state of
- Madhya Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Orissa
Who is the author of the *Tirumantiram*?

- Tirumular
- Manikkavasakar
- Sampantar
- Cetanar

Who excavated for the first time cave temples in Tamil Nadu?

- Pallavas
- Chalukyas
- Pandyas
- Cholas

What was the first capital of the Nayak in Tamil Nadu?

- Tanjore
- Madurai
- Tinnellveli
- Trichy

The oldest structural temples still extant in Tamil Nadu have been built by the:

- Pallavas
- Pandyas
- Cholas
- Chalukyas

What are Barhut and Sanchi known for?

- their fortresses
- their Buddhist stupas
- their Shiva temples
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166 PU_2015_114
Destroyed by the Taliban in March 2001 because they were considered as “idols”, the giant statues of Bamyan were depicting:-
- Jainas
- Buddhas
- Krishnas
- Shivas

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137 PU_2015_114
Rajaraja is a great king of the ;-)
- Pandya dynasty
- Chola dynasty
- Chalukya dynasty
- Pallava dynasty

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200 PU_2015_114
There are frescoes resembling the ones from Ajanta and dating from approximately the 5th century in the Sri Lankan site of:-
- Polonnaruwa
- Sigiriya
- Isurumuni
- Anuradhapura

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107 PU_2015_114
When did the Emperor Ashoka ruled?
- 4th century BCE
- 1st century AD
- 3rd century BCE
- 4th century AD

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177 PU_2015_114
What is a mukha-linga ?
- a faceted-linga
- a small linga
a linga with one or four faces

16 of 100
207 PU_2015_114
The Pashupata movement is a:-
☐ Shaiva movement
☐ Jaina movement
☐ Buddhist movement
☐ Vaishnava movement

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180 PU_2015_114
The Pala dynasty ruled between the 8th and the 12th century:-
☐ central India
☐ North-west of India
☐ the Deccan
☐ North-East of India

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173 PU_2015_114
What was the capital of the Guptas ?
☐ Pataliputra
☐ Gwalior
☐ Mathura
☐ Ujjain

19 of 100
171 PU_2015_114
Where was the capital of the Mauryan Empire established?
☐ Pataliputra
☐ Ujjain
☐ Taxila
☐ Mathura

20 of 100
108 PU_2015_114
What is the emblem of the Pandyas in ancient time ?
☐ a bear
☐ a fish
21 of 100
205 PU_2015_114
When did the Tamil Bhakti movement started?
☐ 9th century AD
☐ 6th-7th century AD
☐ 2nd-3rd century AD
☐ 9th-12th century

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203 PU_2015_114
Who wrote is the first Sanskrit Grammar?
☐ Kalidasa
☐ Panini
☐ Kautilya
☐ Valmiki

23 of 100
140 PU_2015_114
What is the capital of the eastern Chalukyas?
☐ Guntur
☐ Hyderabad
☐ Shri Shailam
☐ Vengi

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202 PU_2015_114
The Licchavi kingdom (circa 5th to 8th century) was a kingdom of:-
☐ Sikkhim
☐ China
☐ Tibet
☐ Nepal

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120 PU_2015_114
From where the first Christian missionaries in India were coming from?
☐ Spain
☐ Italy
France
- Portugal

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123 PU_2015_114
To which Hindu god the Turumurugarrupatai is dedicated?
- Ganesha
- Vishnu
- Murugan
- Shiva

27 of 100
182 PU_2015_114
Kajuraho is located in the modern state of:-
- Orissa
- Madhya Pradesh
- Bihar
- Uttar Pradesh

28 of 100
165 PU_2015_114
Which famous city is associated with the birth of Krishna?
- Kapilavastu
- Mathura
- Gwalior
- Ujjain

29 of 100
105 PU_2015_114
The Kailasanatha temple in Kanchipuram was built in the 8th century by:-
- the Chalukyas
- Pandyas
- the Cholas
- the Pallavas

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148 PU_2015_114
A few travel accounts of South India in medieval times by Buddhist pilgrims have reached us. They are very valuable historically. Where were these pilgrims mainly coming from?
- Sri Lanka
Under the Gupta dynasty the following religion flourished

- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Jainism
- Paganism

The dynasty of the Ikshvakus ruled in:

- Maharashtra
- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu

Which demon tried to prevent Buddha from attaining enlightenment when he was sitting under the Pippal tree?

- Mara
- Ravana
- Hiranyakashipu
- Jalandhara

The Emperor Ashoka ordered some edicts to be engraved on stone. How many?

- 7
- 10
- 23
- 13

The famous cave temple of Elephanta is:
on an Island near Bombay
- close to Aurangabad
- close to Puna
- close to Delhi

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141 PU_2015_114
The *rathas* of Mahabalipuram are:-
- cave temples
- structural temples
- monolithic temples
- wodden temples

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206 PU_2015_114
The temple of Chidambaram is well-known for a specific form of Shiva. Which one?
- the Dancing Shiva
- Bhairava
- the Dakshinamurti
- the Bhiksatanamurti

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175 PU_2015_114
The Gupta cave temples are all:-
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Tribal
- Jaina

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109 PU_2015_114
What is a *prashasti*?
- a sacred literature
- a Sanskrit song
- a devotional poem in Sanskrit
- the praise of a king in Sanskrit in an inscription

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146 PU_2015_114
The well-known monument of the Ikshvaku dynasty (circa 225 AD-325 AD) is:-
a Vishnu temple of Allahabad

the Shiva temples of Bhubhaneshvar

the Shiva temples of Alampur

the Nagarjunakonda stupa

Which dynasty is responsible for building many of the temples at Kajuraho?
- the Guptas
- the Candellas
- the Gangas
- the Palas

What is the first grammatical work of ancient Tamil?
- Tolkappiyam
- Tirumantiram
- Silappadikaram
- Tevaram

Who is the founder of the Mauryan Empire?
- Bindusara
- Chandragupta Maurya
- Dasaratha Maurya
- Ashoka

When did the Gupta dynasty came to power?
- 4th century AD
- 5th century AD
- 1st century AD
- 7th century AD

The Harivamsha mostly deals with the mythology of:-
What is a *brahmadeya* in Medieval times?
- a brahmin minister
- a Brahmin settlement
- a group of Brahmins
- a group of Brahmin administrators

The Allahabad pillar is engraved with:-
- a Kushana inscription
- an edict of Ashoka
- a Pala inscription
- a Greek inscription

Who was Rajadesing?
- a prince of Senji in the 18th century
- a Jat ruler in the 18th century
- a king of Tanjore in the 18th century
- a famous poet in the 18th century

Which dynasty overthrew the Chalukya of Badami in the 8th century?
- the Pallavas
- the Rashtrakutas
- the Chalukyas of Vengi
- the Chalukyas of Kalyani

The oldest inscriptions of Tamil Nadu are usually associated with:-
Shaivas
Buddhist
Jainas
Vaishnavas

To which dynasty the kings called Kulottunga belonged?
- the Pandyas
- the Cholas
- the Cheras
- the Pallavas

The temple known as “Kovil” in the Tevaram is:
- the temple of Mamallapuram
- the temple at Tanjore
- the temple at Gangaikondacholapuram
- the temple of Chidambaram

Which dynasty is responsible for the building of the Shore temple in Mahabalipuram?
- the Pandyas
- the Pallavas
- the Cholas
- the Chalukyas

The famous Konarak, Sun temple, built in the 13th century, is found in the modern state of:
- Orissa
- Andhra Pradesh
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu

What is Daulatabad known for:
• its Shiva temple
• its fortress
• its Vishnu temple
• its Buddhist stupa

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167 PU_2015_114
Which one of the following title was not written by Kalidasa?
• Harshacarita
• Meghaduta
• Raghuvamsha
• Abhijnanashakuntala

57 of 100
135 PU_2015_114
Who is the wife of the five Pandavas in the Mahabharata?
• Sathyabhama
• Draupadi
• Satyavati
• Shakuntala

58 of 100
209 PU_2015_114
One of these texts is not Vedic. Which one?
• Puranas
• Brahmanas
• Rigveda
• Atharvaveda

59 of 100
169 PU_2015_114
After the Cilappadikaram, what is the second greatest Tamil Epic?
• Manimegalai
• the Paripadal
• the Tirumantiram
• the Tirumurukkarrupadai

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210 PU_2015_114
Which of these names is not a name of Murugan in ancient Tamil literature?
Constantine Joseph Beschi (1680-1742) was the first foreigner to have written a grammar on Tamil. Who was he?
- a general
- a Knight
- an Italian Jesuit missionary
- a governor

This script was often used to write Tamil in medieval inscriptions in the region south of Kaveri:
- Tamil script
- vatteluttu script
- nagari script
- grantha script

The main religion of the Pala sovereigns is:
- Jainism
- Buddhism
- Vaishnavism
- Shaivism

The first few inscriptions in Sanskrit date from the:
- 1st century AD
- 1st century BC
- 4th century AD
- 2nd century BC
What is the language used for many of the ancient Buddhist texts?
- Sanskrit
- ancient Telugu
- Pali
- ancient Kannada

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234 PU_2015_114
Which dynasty overpowered the Satavahanas in Andhra Pradesh in the 3rd or 4th century AD?
- the Pallavas
- the Kadambas
- the Ikshvakus
- the Vishnukundins

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233 PU_2015_114
Which dynasty overpowered the Satavahanas in the north-western regions in the 3rd century AD?
- the Kushanas
- the Shungas
- the Chalukyas
- the Western Satraps

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254 PU_2015_114
What brings to an end the first Pandyan Empire in the 10th century?
- the Rashtrakuta invasion
- the Ganga invasion
- the Pallava invasion
- the Chola invasion

69 of 100
226 PU_2015_114
Who were the angriyas in the 18th century
- Dutch travellers
- French mercenaries
- Maratha pirates
- Portuguese adventurers

70 of 100
252 PU_2015_114
Marancadaiyan is a common title of:-
- Pallava kings
- Chola kings
- Pandyan kings
- Chalukya kings

71 of 100
243 PU_2015_114
What was the southern capital of the Kushanas?
- Mathura
- Sarnath
- Gwalior
- Ujjain

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231 PU_2015_114
Who is the founder of the upper cave temple in the Trichy fort?
- a Chola king
- the Pandyan king Netuncaliyan
- the Pallava king Mahendravarman
- Muttaraiyar king

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247 PU_2015_114
Which dynasty mainly contributed to bring the Mauryan dynasty to an end?
- the Macedonians
- the Kushanas
- the Guptas
- the Shungas

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241 PU_2015_114
What is the Lalitasistarasutra?
- Jaina short stories
- a traditional account of the life of the Buddha
- an account related to Shaiva myths
- the first Vaishnava text

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244 PU_2015_114
Who is the heroin of the *Manimegalai*?
- a Buddhist nun
- A Jaina nun
- a Shaiva priestess
- a courtesan

76 of 100
248 PU_2015_114
Who is the author of the *Dashakumaracarita*, in the 6th or 7th century?
- Kalidasa
- Kalidasa
- Dandin
- Banabhatta

77 of 100
250 PU_2015_114
Which of these temples is among the earliest standing temples?
- Kajuraho
- Brihadishvara temple at Tanjore
- Kailāsanatha of Kanchipuram
- Deogarh

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240 PU_2015_114
Where was the prince who became Buddha born?
- Mathura
- Kapilavastu
- Ujjain
- Lumbini

79 of 100
232 PU_2015_114
Base of Buddhist brick structures have been found in:-
- Pompuhar
- Kanchipuram
- Mahabalipuram
- Trichy

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227 PU_2015_114
Which language was used for the Indian inscriptions between the 3rd and the 1st century BC, and beyond, even though not exclusively anymore?

☐ Greek
☐ Middle Indo-Aryan languages (Prakrit)
☐ Sanskrit
☐ Pali

81 of 100
282 PU_2015_114
One major excavation site has shed light on the political and cultural ancient history of Mathura. Which one?

☐ Maholi
☐ Sonkh
☐ Palikhera
☐ Mathura

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285 PU_2015_114
Under which dynasty the earliest free standing temples still extant were built in the North of the Indian subcontinent?

☐ the Palas
☐ the Guptas
☐ the Kushanas
☐ the Shungas

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295 PU_2015_114
There is a relief resembling the Great Penance of Mahabalipuram in Sri Lanka. Where?

☐ Polonnaruva
☐ Sigiriya
☐ Anuradhapura
☐ Isurumuni

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274 PU_2015_114
Where is the Hathimgumpha inscription located?

☐ Udayagiri (Andhra Pradesh)
☐ Tanjore (Tamilnadu)
☐ Udayagiri (Madhya Pradesh)
☐ Udayagiri (Orissa)
Which king is responsible for the engraving of the Hathimagumpa inscription in the 2nd century BC?
- Chandragupta
- Vikramaditya
- Kanishka
- Kharavela

The first epigraphic records of the Pallavas are found in:-
- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu

After the Tsunami, a 9th century temple has been discovered at Saluvankuppam, 5 km north of Mahabalipuram. To whom was it dedicated?
- Durga
- Shiva
- Vishnu
- Subrahmanya

The 8th century Velvikudi copper plates belong to the:-
- Chola dynasty
- Pandyan dynasty
- Chalukyan dynasty
- Pallava dynasty

The original idol of the Shore temple in Mahabalipuram is:-
- reclining Vishnu
- Murukan
- standing Vishnu
The Pallavas have engraved the first bilingual (Sanskrit-Tamil) copper plates in the 7th century. Which ones are they?
- the Pattatalmangalam copper plates
- the Kasakkudi copper plates
- the Velanceri copper plates
- the Pallankoyil copper plates

The earliest Neolithic site in South Asia, dated to 7500 BC, is found at:
- Nausharo (Baluchistan)
- Merhgarh (Baluchistan)
- Taxila
- Gwadar (Baluchistan)

Who was Udayacandra?
- a general of the Pallavas
- a poet of Vengi
- a general of the Cholas
- a general of the Pandyas

Where does the plot of the Manimegalai mainly take place?
- Madurai
- Tanjore
- Kāncipuram
- Pumpuhar

In the upper cave temple at Tiruchirapalli, we find a foundation inscription of:
- Rajasimha Pallava
- Vijayalaya Chola
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293 PU_2015_114
Which Pallava king is the hero of the *Nandikkalambakkam*?
- Dantivarman
- Nandivarman III
- Rajasimha
- Nandivarman II

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284 PU_2015_114
Megasthenes, the famous Greek historian who visited India, resided at the:-
- Chera court
- Gupta's court
- Kushana's court
- Mauryan court

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271 PU_2015_114
Who was the last prince of Kashmir from 1925 to 1961?
- Kanishka
- Pratap Singh
- Hari Sing
- Tara Devi

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294 PU_2015_114
In the 8th or 9th century, Centalai/Niyamam in the district of Tanjavur was the capital of
- the Muttaraiyars
- the Cholas
- the Pandyas
- the Pallavas

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281 PU_2015_114
What is the characteristic colour of the Mathura sandstone?
- yellowish
- reddish with beige spots
Which minor dynasty is responsible for the building of the Shiva temples at Kilaiyur-Melapaluvur?

- the Muttaraiyars
- the Irukkuvels
- the Kurumbas
- the Paluvettaraiyars