Resistance and Resilience (1000–1700 CE)

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 37 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. The Delhi Sultanate was founded in:
   (a) 1526 **(b)** 1336 **(c)** 1001 **(d)** 1206

2. Who was Domingo Paes?
   (a) a Portuguese visitor who described the markets of Hampi
   (b) a Moroccan traveller who reached Delhi in 1334
   (c) organised land measurement and revenue under Akbar
   (d) issued the silver rupiya and improved the roads

3. What is meant by “sarai”?
   (a) tax fixed by measuring land **(b)** a money-changer
   (c) land given instead of a salary **(d)** a rest house on a trade route

4. Fatehpur Sikri is known for:
   (a) Akbar’s planned red-sandstone capital
   (b) the Ahom capital
   (c) the hill-fort capital of the Maratha state
   (d) a spice port on the Malabar coast

5. Vijayanagara was founded in 1336; Sher Shah took power in Delhi in 1540. How many years apart were these?
   (a) 204 years **(b)** 201 years **(c)** 205 years **(d)** 214 years

6. Which year does the book give for this: Sher Shah took power in Delhi?
   (a) 1526 **(b)** 1826 **(c)** 1540 **(d)** 1228

7. Under some sultans, land tax reached half the produce. How much does a peasant pay on 166 maunds at that rate?
   (a) 84 maunds **(b)** 166 maunds **(c)** 83 maunds **(d)** 82 maunds

8. Ahom rule began in 1228. How many years had it lasted by 1275?
   (a) 47 years **(b)** 69 years **(c)** 57 years **(d)** 46 years

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. What was the iqta system?

10. Who was each? (a) Sher Shah (b) Harihara and Bukka

11. Explain each term: (a) hundi (b) dubhashi

12. Which came first, and by how many years? (a) Akbar became emperor (1556) (b) Ahom rule began (1228)

13. What is each place known for? (a) Raigad (b) Surat

14. The Ahoms ruled from 1228 to 1826. (a) For how many years was that? (b) How many years before 2007 did their rule begin?

15. The Delhi Sultanate was founded in 1206, and Mughal rule began in 1526. (a) For how many years did the Sultanate last? (b) How many years before 2048 was it founded?

16. Write one sentence about each event and the gap between them: (a) Akbar became emperor (1556) (b) Sher Shah took power in Delhi (1540)

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. How did trade and finance work in this period?

18. Match each with its contribution: (a) Abdur Razzaq (b) Sher Shah (c) Domingo Paes. Choose from: issued the silver rupiya and improved the roads; a Portuguese visitor who described the markets of Hampi; a Persian envoy who described Vijayanagara in the 1440s.

19. (a) Put these in order, earliest first: the Maratha state was set up (1674); Ahom rule began (1228); Sher Shah took power in Delhi (1540). (b) How many years from the first to the last? (c) Choose one and say what it tells us about the period.

20. Compare Todar Mal and Krishnadevaraya: what did each do, and what does it tell us about administration, trade or life in this period?

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) 1206**	—
2	**(a) a Portuguese visitor who described the markets of Hampi**	—
3	**(d) a rest house on a trade route**	—
4	**(a) Akbar’s planned red-sandstone capital**	—
5	**(a) 204 years**	1540 − 1336 = 204
6	**(c) 1540**	—
7	**(c) 83 maunds**	166 ÷ 2
8	**(a) 47 years**	1275 − 1228
9	**Land assigned to military commanders instead of salaries, used to collect revenue.**	—
10	**(a) issued the silver rupiya and improved the roads (b) founded Vijayanagara in 1336**	—
11	**(a) a bill of exchange (b) an interpreter**	—
12	**Ahom rule began, by 328 years**	1556 − 1228
13	**(a) the hill-fort capital of the Maratha state (b) a busy port on the west coast**	—
14	**(a) 598 years (b) 779 years**	1826 − 1228; 2007 − 1228
15	**(a) 320 years (b) 842 years**	1526 − 1206; 2048 − 1206
16	**Sentences from the chapter; 16 years apart**	1556 − 1540
17	**Merchants used hundis like cheques, money-changers managed money, interpreters helped foreign trade, and rulers like Krishnadevaraya encouraged ports.**	—
18	**(a) a Persian envoy who described Vijayanagara in the 1440s (b) issued the silver rupiya and improved the roads (c) a Portuguese visitor who described the markets of Hampi**	—

Q	Answer	Working
19	**(a) Ahom rule began; Sher Shah took power in Delhi; the Maratha state was set up (b) 446 years (c) Answers will vary; see the chapter.**	—
20	**Todar Mal: organised land measurement and revenue under Akbar; Krishnadevaraya: the Vijayanagara ruler who encouraged ports and trade. Answers from the chapter, e.g. how rulers ran their lands or how trade and travel worked.**	—

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