

XII HISTORY

Read this passage regarding temple building in India, carefully and answer of the following questions by choosing the correct option.

Temple building in the region had a long history, going back to dynasties such as the Pallavas, Chalukyas, Hoysalas and Cholas. Rulers very often encouraged temple building as a means of associating themselves with the divine-often, the deity was explicitly or implicitly identified with the king. Temples also functioned as centres of learning. Besides, rulers and others often granted land and other resources for the maintenance of temples. Consequently, temples developed as significant religious, social, cultural and economic centres. From the point of view of the rulers, constructing, repairing and maintaining temples were important means of winning support and recognition for their power, wealth and piety.

(i) Why did rulers of ancient India constructed temples on such a grandeur scale?

- (a) It helped in legitimizing their rule.
- (b) Temples were important centres of learning.
- (c) To showcase their power, wealth and piety.
- (d) All of the above

(ii) The Pallavas, Chalukyas, Hoysalas and Cholas were important dynasties of

- (a) Northern India
- (b) Western India
- (c), Southern India
- (d) Eastern India

(III) Choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) Through construction of temples in ancient India the rulers tried to legitimize their ruler over vast subjects

Reason (R) In these temples, often the deity was explicitly or implicitly identified with the king.

Codes

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true, but R is false
- (d) A is false, but R is true

(iv) Temples in ancient India functioned as centres of

- (a) Social and cultural activities.
- (b) Economic activities.
- (c) Education and learning
- (d) All of the above

Ans (i) (d) All of the above

(ii) (c) Southern India

(iii) (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A

(iv) (d) All of the above