

QUICK DRILL · CBSE CLASS 12

Thinkers, Beliefs and Buildings: Cultural Developments (c. 600 BCE – 600 CE)

History · Chapter 4 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS 15	DURATION 20 min	MARKING +1 / 0	TARGET ≥ 12/15
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OBJECTIVES

Reinforce the four core topics of Thinkers, Beliefs and Buildings: Cultural Developments (c. 600 BCE – 600 CE) via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

INSTRUCTIONS

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek — score yourself honestly.**

SECTION · QUICK DRILL

Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

Q1. The Buddha attained enlightenment at:

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| (A) Sarnath | (B) Bodh Gaya |
| (C) Kusinara | (D) Lumbini |
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Q2. The first sermon of the Buddha was delivered at:

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| (A) Sarnath | (B) Bodh Gaya |
| (C) Vaishali | (D) Sanchi |
- PYQ 2019 · All India · 1m · 25s

Q3. How many noble truths did the Buddha teach?

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| (A) Three | (B) Four |
| (C) Five | (D) Eight |
- PYQ 2020 · Delhi · 1m · 20s

Q4. The Eightfold Path is also called the:

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| (A) Royal Path | (B) Middle Way |
| (C) Path of Devotion | (D) Path of Sacrifice |
- PYQ 2022 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q5. The order of Buddhist monks and nuns is called the:

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| (A) Vihara | (B) Sangha |
| (C) Stupa | (D) Chaitya |
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Q6. Mahavira was the:

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| (A) First Tirthankara | (B) 12th Tirthankara |
| (C) 24th and last Tirthankara | (D) Founder of Jainism |
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Q7. Which is NOT one of the five vows (mahavratas) of Jainism?

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| (A) Ahimsa | (B) Satya |
| (C) Bhakti | (D) Aparigraha |
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Q8. Anekantavada is the Jaina doctrine of:

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| (A) Many gods | (B) Many-sidedness of truth |
| (C) Many births | (D) Many vows |
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Q9. In a stupa, the hemispherical dome is called the:

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| (A) Harmika | (B) Yashti |
| (C) Anda | (D) Torana |

Q10. The gateways of the Sanchi stupa are called:
(A) Yashti **(B)** Harmika
(C) Toranas **(D)** Vedika

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Q11. The Great Stupa at Sanchi was begun under which ruler?
(A) Chandragupta Maurya **(B)** Ashoka
(C) Harsha **(D)** Kanishka

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Q12. The Sanchi stupa was preserved with funding from the Begums of:
(A) Awadh **(B)** Hyderabad
(C) Bhopal **(D)** Junagadh

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Q13. The Brahmi script was deciphered in 1837 by:
(A) John Marshall **(B)** James Prinsep
(C) V.S. Sukthankar **(D)** Alexander Cunningham

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Q14. Stories of the Buddha's previous births are called:
(A) Suttas **(B)** Jatakas
(C) Vinayas **(D)** Puranas

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Q15. The Mahayana school is distinguished by:
(A) Rejection of the Sangha **(B)** Worship of the Buddha as an image and the Bodhisattva ideal
(C) Adoption of Vedic sacrifice **(D)** Rejection of nibbana

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ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

Q1. Answer: B
 Under the Bodhi tree at Bodh Gaya.

Q2. Answer: A
 First sermon at Sarnath (Deer Park).

Q3. Answer: B
 Four Noble Truths.

Q4. Answer: B
 Middle Way between indulgence and asceticism.

Q5. Answer: B
 Sangha — the monastic community.

Q6. Answer: C
 24th and last Tirthankara; he systematised an older tradition.

Q7. Answer: C
 Bhakti is not a Jaina vow; the five are ahimsa, satya, asteya, brahmacharya, aparigraha.

Q8. Answer: B
 Many-sidedness — no single perspective captures the whole truth.

Q9. Answer: C
 Anda = the dome over the relics.

Q10. Answer: C
 Toranas — four ornate gateways at the cardinal directions.

Q11. Answer: B
 Begun by Ashoka in the 3rd c. BCE.

Q12. Answer: C
 Shahjehan Begum and Sultan Jehan Begum of Bhopal.

Q13. Answer: B
 James Prinsep, using 'danam' on Sanchi inscriptions.

Q14. Answer: B

Jataka tales — ~550 in the Theravada canon.

Q15. Answer: B

Image worship + Bodhisattva ideal from c. 1st c. CE.