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Q1. Consider the following differences between Svetambara and Digambara Jains:

- 1.While Digambaras practice total nudity to avoid all attachments, Shvetambaras reject nudity.
- 2.While Digambaras believe that women cannot attain moksa, Shvetambaras believe that women can attain moksa.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Q2. Establishment of Svetambara as a separate sect within Jainism was resulted at ____?

- A. Rajgriha
- B. Vallabhi**
- C. Ujjaini
- D. Sanchi

Explanation:

It was the outcome of Jain monks council meeting held in the year of 453 or 466 CE

Q3. Bhagwati sutra is related to which of the following religions?

- A. Buddhism
- B. Jainism**
- C. Hinduism
- D. Sikhism

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Q4. Which Jain Tirthankar is considered as female by Shwetambar sect of the Jainism?

- A. 16th
- B. 18th
- C. 19th**
- D. 20th

Explanation:

Name of Tirthankar Mallinath

Q5. Bhagwati Sutra gives the valuable information about the life of which of the following?

- A. Buddha
- B. Mahavira**
- C. Ajatshatru
- D. Meander

Q6. Choose the correct match

- 1. Shankaracharya – Advaita
- 2. Ramanuja – Virashaivism
- 3. Basavanna – Against Brahmanical Ideas

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only**
- C. 2 and 3 only

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D. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

Shankara – Advaita

Ramanuja – Vishistadvaita or Qualified oneness

Basavannasvirashaiva movement argued strongly for equality of all human beings and against Brahmanical Ideas about caste and treatment of women.

Q7. According to the traditional Hindu philosophy,

1. Samkhya is an empiricist school of atomism.
2. Vaisheshika is an atheistic and strongly dualist theoretical exposition of consciousness and matter.
3. Mimamsa is an anti-ascetic and anti-mysticist school of orthopraxy.
4. Vedanta philosophy came to be the dominant current of Hinduism in the post-medieval period.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 and 4 only**
- D. All of the above

Explanation:

Samkhya is an atheistic and strongly dualist theoretical exposition of consciousness and matter. Yoga is a school emphasizing meditation, contemplation and liberation. Nyaya or logic, explores sources of knowledge. Vaisheshika is an empiricist school of atomism. Mimamsa is an anti-ascetic and anti-mysticist school of orthopraxy. Vedanta is the last

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segment of knowledge in the Vedas, or the 'Jnan' (knowledge) 'Kanda' (section). Vedanta came to be the dominant current of Hinduism in the post-medieval period.

Q8. Which of the following statements about Nayanars (Worshippers of Vishnu) and Alvars (Worshippers of Shiva) of South India is NOT correct?

- A. They were in support of the austerities promoted by Jainism and Buddhism.**
- B. For them religion was based on love between God and the worshipper.
- C. The language they used could be understood by everyone.
- D. They opposed the inequalities of caste.

Explanation:

Statement 1 is not correct: They did not believe in austerities. They were against the high levels of austerity promoted by Jainism and Buddhism as it was difficult to follow.

Statement 2 is correct: They looked upon religion not as a matter of cold, formal worship but as a living bond based on love between the god and the worshipper.

Statement 3 is correct: They used the language which was common to people. Their hymns were sung in Tamil language, the common language of people, so they were easily understood.

Statement 4 is correct: Alvars and Nayanars initiated a movement of protest against the caste system and the dominance of Brahmanas or at least attempted to reform the system.

Q9. Consider the following about Alvars and Nayanars.

1. They found the caste system valid and based on practical lines.
2. Women devotees were not allowed within the Sangha.

Select the correct answer using the codes below

A. 1 only

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- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None**

Explanation:

Statement 1: Alvars and Nayanars seem to have initiated a movement of protest against the caste system and the dominance of Brahmanas. Other historians point that they at least attempted to reform the system. To some extent this is corroborated by the fact that bhaktas hailed from diverse social backgrounds ranging from Brahmanas to artisans and cultivators and even from castes considered “untouchable”.

Statement 2 : The compositions of Andal, a woman Alvar, were widely sung. Another woman, Karaikkal Ammaiyar, a devotee of Shiva, adopted the path of extreme asceticism in order to attain her goal. **So, 2 is wrong.**

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Lingayats:

1. They are members of a Hindu Shaivite community, which predominantly exists in Karnataka
2. Guru Basavanna, a 12th-century philosopher, is credited with founding Lingayatism and its secular practices

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

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Both are correct statements

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