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Q.13)

Ans) d

Exp) Option (d) is the correct answer.

Ashoka fought one major war (Kalinga) after his accession to the throne. He was deeply moved by the massacre in that war. He therefore abandoned the policy of physical occupation in **favour of one of cultural conquest**. Thus, he replaced 'Berighosha' (conquest by war) with 'Dhammaghosha' (conquest by Dhamma). There was also a difference between personal religion and religion he preached. It was a way of life, a code of conduct and a set of principles to be adopted and practiced by the people at large.

Source) Themes of Indian History part 1, Theme 2, page-32

Q.14)

Ans) b

Exp) Option (b) is the correct answer.

In 2018, for the first time ever the New South Wales Parliament in Sydney, Australia celebrated the ethnic festival of Bathukamma.

Statement 1 is not correct: Bathukamma which means 'Mother Goddess come Alive' is a colourful floral festival of **Telangana**.

Statement 2 is correct: Bathukamma is a beautiful flower stack of different unique seasonal flowers most of them with medicinal value, arranged in seven concentric layers in the shape of temple gopuram. Women gather and dance around this flower stack. They also sing Bathukamma songs while dancing. It is the festival for feminine felicitation. On this special occasion women dress up in the traditional sari combining it with jewels and other accessories

The final day of Bathukamma, known as **Pedha or Saddula Bathukamma** falls two days before Dussehra and is also known as Durgashtmi.

Bathukamma festival indicates the beginning of Sarad or Sharath Ruthu whereas Boddemma festival followed by Bathukamma marks the ending of Varsha Ruthu.

Source) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bathukamma>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/bathukamma-festival-to-go-global/article25084743.ece>