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Q.9)

Ans) d

Exp) Option d is correct.

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Gupta land grant records from Bengal inform us about a unit known as vapa which was used for measuring land in the region (adhavapa, dronvapa, kulyavapa). It is derived from root vap (to sow). The exact size of this unit is not clearly mentioned.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Gupta Age is famous for high quality and quantity of Gold coins. Even silver coins were issued. However coins made of copper, bronze and other alloy metals were scarce during this period.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The textual records of earlier period (like Arthashastra) talk only about tax-paying cultivators (karada) and the ruler, but the textual records of Gupta period talk about three tiers, mahipati (the king), svami (landowner) and karshaka (cultivator) which indicates that landed intermediaries were starting to emerge in this period.

**Knowledge Base:**

- 1) The Gupta economy was agrarian, with a well-developed urban economy from craft production and trade.
- 2) This period saw a marked increase in land grants, with different types of land tenures being awarded.

Source: IGNOU BA - EHI 02 - Block 8, Unit 33; IGNOU MA - MHI 05 - Block 2 - Unit 7, 8

<http://www.egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/67711/1/Block-2.pdf>

Q.10)

Ans) d

Exp) Option d is correct.

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Minor Forest Produce includes all non-timber forest produce of plant origin and includes bamboo, canes, fodder, leaves, gums, waxes, dyes, resins, and many forms of food including nuts, wild fruits, honey, lac, tusser, etc.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) mainly undertakes two functions viz. Minor Forest Produce (MFP) development and Retail Marketing and Development.

**Knowledge Base:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs has announced Inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items and stipulation of their Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of value chain of MFP".

Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1708519>

<https://pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1693540>

Q.11)

Ans) a

Exp) Option a is correct.

**Statement 1 is correct:** The hymns in the Vedas, especially the Rig Vedas, were mostly designed to ask for everyday material life objects such as rain for crops, more cattle, their health, abundant food, a son to take care of the family, victory over enemies during cattle raids, etc. It was much later towards the end of Later Vedic Period that