

Q.10) Onam one of the major harvesting festival of which of the following state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil nadu
- d) Andra Pradesh

Q.10) Solution (b)

- Onam is a major harvest festival in Kerala and is celebrated to honour the home-coming of Asura king Mahabali who brought about peace and prosperity in Kerala.
- It is one of the three major festivals of Kerala, celebrated during the month of Chingam, the first month in the Malayalam calendar, Kollavarsham.
- The other two major festivals of the state are Vishu and Thiruvathira.
- The 10-day harvest festival begins on Atham (first day of Onam) and concludes on Thiruvonam (last day).
- The main attraction is the traditional Onam sadhya (grand feast).

Q.11) Consider the following statements with respect to Chola dynasty:

1. The Cholas ruled the central and northern parts of Assam
2. Brihadeshwara temple was built during their period

Which of the following is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.11) Solution (b)

- The Cholas controlled the central and northern parts of Tamil Nadu from around the 8th-12th century AD.
- Their core area of the rule was the Kaveri delta, later known as Cholamandalam. Their capital was Uraiyur (near Tiruchirapalli town) and Puhar or Kaveripattinam was an alternative royal residence and chief port town.
- Tiger was their emblem.
- King Karikala was a famous king of the Sangam Cholas. Trade and commerce flourished during his reign. He founded the port city of Puhar (identical with Kaveripattinam)
- Recently, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched 'Project Digital Poompuhar' to recreate the Chola Dynasty port city (Poompuhar) in Tamil Nadu.