

Q48. The first true arch in the Delhi Sultanate memorial could be seen in:

- A. Iltutmish's tomb
- B. Tomb of Balban
- C. Alai Darwaza
- D. Quwwat-ul- Islam Mosque

Answer: B

**Explanation:** The **Tomb of Sultan Balban**, built-in Delhi near the fort of Raipithaura by himself, was the first tomb built in purely Islamic style in India. It was here that the **first true arch made its appearance in India**.

Q49. Consider the following statements regarding the South Indian literature:

- 1. Kambana, Kuttana and Pugalendi are considered as three gems of Telugu poetry.
- 2. Ponna and Ranna are the gems of Tamil poetry.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Kambana, Kuttana, and Pugalendi are considered as three gems of Tamil poetry. The age of Kambana in the second half of the eleventh and early twelfth century is regarded as a golden age in Tamil literature. Kamban's Ramayana is considered a classic in Tamil Literature. He is believed to have lived at the court of a Chola king.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Pampa, Ponna and Ranna are regarded as three gems of Kannada poetry. Although they were under the influence of Jainism, they also wrote on themes taken from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Q50. With reference to the Bhimbetka paintings of the Mesolithic Period, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. All the paintings discovered were monochrome.
- 2. No snakes were depicted in Indian Mesolithic paintings at Bhimbetka.
- 3. The Bhimbetka paintings reflected a division of labour on the basis of gender.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.