

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: B

**Explanation:**

**Pair 1 is incorrect:** The most important officers under the Guptas were known as Kumaramatyas, with an office of their own called adikarana. They were appointed by the king and were possibly paid in cash.

**Pair 2 is correct:** During the Gupta Empire, the state was divided into provinces known as Deshas, Rashtras, or bhuktis. The provinces were under the charge of an officer known as uparika. Also, Crown Princess were made Viceroys of the provinces. Uparika was appointed directly by the king, and he had the authority to appoint a head of district administration and district town board.

**Pair 3 is correct:** Judicial system was much developed under the Guptas compared to earlier times. For the first time, civil and criminal laws were clearly demarcated. The office of Mahanadanyaka functioned as the chief justice.

Q13. Regarding the economic conditions of North India under Mahajanapadas, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of private property in land was absent during this period.
2. Punch-marked copper coins were used for commercial purposes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** During the period of the rise of Mahajanapadas, the emergence of private property on land was witnessed in rural areas. Agriculture started to produce a surplus which led to the rise of urban centres. Expansion of agriculture was also encouraged.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The period between 600-300 BCE led to the start of second urbanization. The formation of states gave impetus to the Urban economy. The age of barter trade was almost over; instead, punch-marked coins of silver and copper were used for commercial purposes.