- **23.** With reference to the various Sufi saints, consider the following statements:
 - Sheikh Nooruddin Nurani established the Rishi Order in the 14th century Kashmir.
 - 2. Popularised music recitations called 'Sama' was integral to the 'Chistis'.

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
- 24. With reference to the Rashtrakuta Empire, consider the following statements:
 - The kingdom was founded by Dantidurga who set up his capital at Vengi.
 - 2. Amoghvarsha favored pursuing warfare activities than patronising religion and literature.
 - 3. The Arab traveler Al Masudi mentions the Rashtrakuta empire in his accounts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **25.** With reference to the administration under the Imperial Chola empire, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The spread of irrigation increased the prosperity of the 'ur'.
 - 2. The chola kings gave themselves the title of 'muvendavelan', i.e. a king ruling the three worlds.

3. Pallichchhandam was the land given to Jain institutions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- **26.** With reference to the Khalji dynasty, which one of the following statements is correct?
 - (a) The Khalji rule began with the arrival of Alauddin Khilji.
 - (b) The arrival of Khaljis to the Delhi throne marked a new phase of Turkish monopoly in high offices.
 - (c) Jalaluddin Khalji held that the state in India should not be a truly Islamic state.
 - (d) Alauddin Khilji followed a policy of liberal attitude towards nobles and wrongdoers.
- 27. With reference to the 'Amar Nayakas' system under the Vijayanagara kingdom, consider the following statements:
 - They were military commanders who were given territories to govern by the 'raya'.
 - 2. The establishment of the nayakas ultimately led to the collapse of the central imperial structure during the 17th century.

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