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Worksheet No: 4	Topic: Kings and Kingdoms	Year: 2023-24

I	Multiple Choice Questions: -		
1	Which new dynasty developed in the eastern part of the medieval India?		
	a. Palas b. Cholas c. Chahamanas d. Rashtrakutas		
2	What is the other name of the great lord of a 'circle' or region?		
	a. Samantas b. King c. Maha-mandaleshwara d. Subordinates		
3	What is the literal meaning of Hiranya-Gharbha?		
	a. Rashtrakutas b. Dantidurga c. Golden womb d. Golden deer		
4	Brahmanas were rewarded by grants of land which is recorded in		
	a. Iron plate b. Silver plate c. Copper plate d. Bronze Plate		
5	Who invaded the Somnath temple in Gujarat?		
	a. Akbar b. Mahmud of Ghazni c. Jahangir d. Mohammad Ghori		
ш	Observe the given pictures and answer the following questions: -		

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a. Identify the temple.

Gangaikondacholapuram

b. Where is this temple situated and name the ruler who built the temple?

Thanjavoor and Rajendra Chola

c. Who lived near the temples?

Priests, garland makers, cooks, sweepers, musicians, dancers.

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В	
	a. Identity the diagram.
	This is a set of copper plates that recorded a grant of land made by a ruler in the ninth century,
	written partly in Sanskrit and partly in Tamil.
	b. Who rewarded the grants of land to the Brahamanas?
	The King rewarded Brahamanas with grants of land.
	c. Who composed 'Prashastis'?
	'Prashastis' were composed by Brahamanas.
III	Answer the following in one sentence: -
6	Why the time span is important between 7 th to 12 th centuries?
	The time span important between 7 th to 12 th centuries because many new dynasties emerged
7	in different parts of the subcontinent. Who were acknowledged as 'Samantas'?
/	The big landlords or warrior chiefs in different regions during 7 th centuries were acknowledged
	as 'Samantas' of kings or subordinates.
8	Where did the Cholas rule?
	The Cholas were in Tamil Nadu.
9	Where did the Chauhans rule?
	Chauhans ruled over the region around Delhi and Ajmer.
10	What is 'Tri-partite Struggle'?
	In the Ganga Valley three dynasties-Gurjara -Pratihara, Palas and Rashtrakutas fought for
	control.
11	Who was Pratihara Harichandra?
	Gurjara Pratihara Harichandra was a Brahmana who gave traditional professions and took to
	arms successfully establishing kingdoms in Rajasthan.
12	How were resources obtained by the states?
	In the states, resources were obtained from the peasants, cattle rearers and artisans.
13	What was called 'rent'?
	Resources obtained from the producers were called 'rent'.
14	Who was Kalhana?
15.7	Kalhana was a great Sanskrit poet from Kashmir.
IV.	Read the following paragraph and answer the following questions: -
15	In the mid-eighth century, Dantidurga, a Rashtrakuta chief, overthrew his Chalukya overlord and
	performed a ritual called hiranya-garbha (literally, the golden womb). When this ritual was
	performed with the help of Brahmanas, it was thought to lead to the "rebirth" of the sacrificer as
	a Kshatriya, even if he was not one by birth. In other cases, men from enterprising families.

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A. What were the Samantas expected to do?

To bring gifts for their kings or overlord, to be present at their courts and provide military support.

B. What were the titles acquired by the Samantas after they gained power and wealth.

Maha-Samanta, Maha-Mandaleshvara

C. Who was Dantidurga?

Dantidurga was a Rashtrakuta chief.

D. What is the ritual, hiranya-garbha?

The ritual Hiranya-garbha was performed with the help of Brahmanas, it was thought to lead to the "rebirth" of the sacrificer as a Kshatriya, even if he was not one by birth.

- 16 What was unusual about Kalhana's writing?
 - Unusual thing for the twelfth century was a long Sanskrit poem.
 - It contained the history of kings who ruled over Kashmir.
 - It was composed by an author named Kalhana.
 - Unlike the writers of prashastis, he was often critical about rulers.
 - He used a variety of sources. They included the following:
 - Inscriptions
 - Documents
 - Evewitness accounts
 - Earlier histories.
- 17 What were the measures taken by the Cholas for the development of Agriculture.

Many of the achievements of the Cholas were made possible through new developments in agriculture.

The river Kaveri branches off into several small channels before falling into the Bay of Bengal.

- These channels overflew frequently.
- They deposited fertile soil on their banks.
- Water from the channels provide the necessary moisture for agriculture, particularly in the cultivation of rice.

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