

# DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, MIYAPUR

## SECTION A

### COMPREHENSION

I. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option:



Once a bustling port town, Mahabalipuram draws visitors because of its ancient temples and beautiful beach. Deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site, it has an impressive temple complex dating back to the time of the Pallava ruler Narasimhavarman I Mammala in the 7th century AD. Named after the five Pandava brothers and their wife Draupadi from the mythological epic Mahabharata, the monolithic temples known as the Five Rathas are among the most important monuments here. Even more magnificent, the sea-facing Shore Temple is one of the earliest free-standing temples in the region and has some extraordinary carvings on its walls. Other notable sights include the world's largest relief carving called Arjuna's Penance, the Mahishamardini Mandapam temple friezes dedicated to Durga, and the mysterious self-balancing boulder named Krishna's Butterball. After joining in the monument crawl, stop at the beachside restaurants nearby for a lunch of fresh seafood, where you can choose from fish, squids, king prawns, crabs or lobsters. Thanks to Mahabalipuram's rich heritage and popularity as a beach destination, there are now a string of luxurious hotels and resorts in the area, such as the Grand Bay Resort and Spa, Radisson BLU Resort Temple Bay Mamallapuram and Ideal Beach Resort. Only 55 km away from Chennai, it also makes for a great day trip and is a popular stop for travellers heading to Pondicherry.

The monuments are mostly rock-cut and monolithic, and constitute the early stages of Dravidian architecture where in Buddhist elements of design are prominently visible. They are constituted by cave temples, monolithic rathas (chariots), sculpted reliefs and structural temples.

Technically speaking, the Yali or Tiger Cave may not be a geographic fissure, but it boasts a set of most elaborately designed pillars and sculptures depicting several mythical creatures, lions and tigers. This also has a relief sculpture dedicated to Narasimhavarman II or Rajasimha (700 CE – 728 CE). In many ways, the Tiger Cave sums up the evolution of the Pallava's cave temple structures over a period of time.

1. What kind of an impression the passage creates for the reader?

- i. It reveals the history of Mahabalipuram, Tamil nadu.
- ii. It talks about the specific facilities available near Mahabalipuram for the visitors.
- iii. It talks about the unique features, topography of the place, history and architecture of the sculptures.
- iv. It showcases the pride of Indian architecture and one of the most beautiful tourist attractions during the Pallava dynasty.

- ☐ a. Only i
- ☒ b. Both iii and iv
- ☐ c. Only iii
- ☐ d. Both i and iv

Clear selection

2. Why was it named as Mahabalipuram?

- ☒ a. It was named after five Pandavas and their wife Droupadi.
- ☐ b. It was named after monolithic temples known as the Five Rathas.
- ☐ c. It was named after a mysterious self-balancing boulder named Krishna's Butterball.
- ☐ d. Both a and b

Clear selection



3. Identify the correct order of True or False for the statements given below.

- i. Mahabalipuram is also famous for seafood, where you can choose from fish, squids, king prawns, crabs or lobsters.
- ii. It was deemed as a UNESCO world heritage site during the 9th century.
- iii. Mahabalipuram is situated 57Km from Chennai.
- iv. The sea-facing Shore Temple is one of the earliest free-standing temples in the region

- ☐ a. True, false, true, true
- ☒ b. True, false, false, true
- ☐ c. False, false, true, true
- ☐ d. True, true, true, false

Clear selection

4. Why is Mahabalipuram famous?

- i. The monuments are mostly rock-cut and monolithic.
- ii. Because of its ancient temples and beach.
- iii. It is a convenient place for the visitors who travel to Pondicherry.
- iv. It has been selected as UNESCO world heritage site.

- ☐ a. i and ii
- ☐ b. iii and iv
- ☒ c. ii, i and iv
- ☐ d. All of the above.

Clear selection



5. Choose the most suitable title for the passage.

- ☒ a. Mahabalipuram - A trip.
- ☐ b. An awestruck place in India
- ☐ c. Mahabalipuram- Paradise on Earth
- ☐ d. What a View!

Clear selection

6. Find the word from the passage which means: 'Distinguished'.

- ☐ a. Magnificent
- ☒ b. Prominent
- ☐ c. Mysterious
- ☐ d. Noble

Clear selection

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