Q1Shivaji adopted the title **Chhatrapati** ("Keeper of the Umbrella"), symbolizing his sovereignty and role as the protector of his people. His coronation marked the formal establishment of the Maratha Empire.

Q2Shivaji feigned illness and sent baskets of sweets to the poor as penance. He and his son hid in these baskets, escaping past guards and altering the course of Indian history.

Q3The Marathas suffered a catastrophic defeat against Ahmad Shah Durrani, losing most of their army. This weakened their dominance and paved the way for British colonial expansion.

Q4 reimposition of the jizya detruction of hindu temples and persecution of sikhs?rajputs, sparking rebellions.

Q5 Akbar formed marital alliances (e.g., marrying a Rajput princess from Amber), granted Rajputs high-ranking positions, and exempted them from discriminatory taxes like the jizya.

Q6Chauth was a **25% land revenue tax** imposed on territories under Maratha control, ensuring economic dominance over conquered regions.

Q7 **Shah Jahan** commissioned the Taj Mahal in Agra as a mausoleum for his wife, Mumtāz Mahal. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Q9Defeat in the **Third Anglo-Maratha War** led to the exile of Peshwa Bajirao II and direct British control over most Maratha territories, ending their sovereignty.

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