**Important Questions on Invasion of European Trading Companies in India**

Q1: Which of the following trading companies was the first one to trade by sea route in India?

1. Portuguese
2. Danish
3. Britishers
4. Dutch

Answer: A

Solution: Portuguese were the first to visit India and last to leave India.

Q2: Among the following, which company left India at last?

1. Dutch
2. French
3. Portuguese
4. British

Answer: C

Solution:

Q3: At which place first french company was setup?

1. Masulipatnam
2. Nagapattam
3. Surat
4. Midnapore

Answer: C

Solution:

French company visit India at last for trade business. It was formed in 1664 and its first factory was setup by Francis Caron in Surat.

Q4: During the time of formation of French East India Company who was the king?

1. Louis XIV
2. Colbert
3. Elizabeth I
4. James I

Answer: A

Solution:

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Q5: By whom America was discovered?

1. Columbus
2. Bartholomew Dias
3. Vasco da Gama
4. Francis caron

Answer: A

Solution:

Columbus, a Spaniard, discovered America in 1494 AD while looking for a means to reach India.

Q6: When did Vasco-da-Gama reached India?

1. 1498
2. 1501
3. 1600
4. 1664

Answer: A

Solution:

Vasco Da Gama, a Portuguese explorer, reached India in 1498 AD by circumnavigating Utmasha Antripe.

Q7: When Vasco-da-Gama visit India, who welcomed him?

1. Zamorin
2. Akbar
3. Aurangzeb
4. Jahangir

Answer: A

Solution:

The Hindu King of Calicut, who bore the hereditary title of 'Zamorin,' greeted him kindly and instructed him to transport spices and herbs, among other things.

Q8: Which Portuguese official expand the power of Portuguese in India?

1. Pedro Alvarez Cabrel
2. Albuquerque
3. Francisco-De-Almeida
4. Nino-Di-Cunha

Answer: B

Solution:

After Francisco de Almeida, Alphonso de Albuquerque (1509-15) became governor. The credit of establishing and expanding Portuguese power in India goes to Albuquerque. His dominion was centered in Cochin.

Q9: Which French governor moved the office from Cochin to Goa?

1. Nino-de-Cunha
2. Almeida
3. Albuquerque
4. Pedro-Albarez-Cabrel

Answer: A

Solution:

 In 1530 AD, he moved the government office from Cochin to Goa. As a result, Goa was designated as the official capital of the Portuguese state in India.

Q10: Which of the following is not a city under the control of Portuguese until 1961?

1. Goa
2. Diu
3. Daman
4. Bombay

Answer: D

Solution:

 Only Goa, Daman, and Diu remained under Portuguese control until 1961 AD.

Q11: Who introduce Tobbaco in India?

1. Portuguese
2. French
3. Dutch
4. Britishers

Answer: A

Solution:

Some crops introduce by Portuguese like Tobacco, Ladies finger, Sapota (chikoo) and they also introduces Red chillies, Potato, Cashew, Cabbage and pine apple.

Q12: Which of the following is the second to arrive India?

1. French
2. Britishers
3. Dutch
4. Portuguese

Answer: C

Solution:

After the Portuguese, the Dutch arrived in India. In 1595-96, "Cornelius Houtman" undertook the first expedition to the eastern world.

Q13: Between Dutch and Whom, the Battle of Bedara was fought?

1. French
2. Britishers
3. Danes
4. Portuguese

Answer: B

Solution:

 The Dutch were beaten by the British in the Battle of Bedara (Bengal) in 1759 AD. This defeat effectively ended their rule in India.

Q14: Which Battle end the rule of Dutch in India?

1. Battle of Wandiwash
2. Battle of Bedara
3. Battle of Chinsura
4. Battle of Swally

Answer: B

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Q15: Where did the Dutch Mint their coin Pagoda?

1. Masulipatnam
2. Nagapattam
3. Surat
4. Chandragiri

Answer: D

Solution:

 In 1610, the Dutch agreed with the monarch of Chandragiri to build a new factory and make Pulicat their headquarters. The Dutch mint their Pagoda coin here.

Q16: When was the Battle of Bedara fought?

1. 1759
2. 1851
3. 1771
4. 1733

Answer: A

Solution:

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Q17: Who was the king/Queen of England during the charter act of 1609?

1. Elizabeth I
2. James II
3. James I
4. Queen Victoria

Answer: C

Solution:

 James I granted the corporation a new commercial charter under the Charter Act of 1609. This charter guaranteed the company's privileges throughout perpetuity. The company's status was further strengthened by the emperors' jurisdiction, which was granted by successive emperor charters in 1615 and 1624 AD.

Q18: What was the name of the British ship that arrived at Surat headed by William Hawkins?

1. Hector
2. HMS Abergavenny
3. Red Dragon
4. Amsterdam

Answer: A

Solution:

 In 1608 AD, the first hector ship, headed by Captain Hawkins, arrived in Surat. Captain Hawkins was the first Englishman to set foot on Indian soil by water.

Q19: Who headed the first british ship hector that arrived at Surat port?

1. William Hawkins
2. Thomas Roe
3. John Mildenhall
4. William Carey

Answer:

Solution:

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Q20: Between which two companies Battle of Swally was fought?

1. British and Dutch
2. British and French
3. Portuguese and British
4. French and Dutch

Answer: C

Solution:

Captain Middleton destroyed the Portuguese fleet at Swalli in 1611 AD. In 1613 AD, Jahangir was so impressed by the Portuguese loss that he permitted the British to establish a permanent factory in Surat.

Q21: Which of the following person get Madras on lease by the King of Chandragiri?

1. Francis Day
2. William Carey
3. William Weddernum
4. Thomas Roe

Answer: A

Solution:

 Francis Day leased Madras from the king of Chandragiri in 1639 AD and constructed a fortified Kothi there. It was given the name Fort St. George.

Q22: What was the name of the fort that was established at Madras by Francis Day?

1. Fort St. George
2. Fort William
3. Fort St. David
4. Fort Emmanuel

Answer: A

Solution:

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Q23: In which year Sir Thomas Roe visited the court of Jahangir?

1. 1610
2. 1611
3. 1615
4. 1620

Answer: C

Solution:

Sir Thomas Roe visited the court of Jahangir in 1615 AD and obtained some English trading facilities.

Q24: Which England King married to Portuguese Queen Catherine?

1. Charles I
2. Charles II
3. James I
4. James II

Answer: B

Solution:

King Charles II of England married Portuguese princess Catherine in 1661 AD. As a dowry, the Portuguese gave Charles II the island of Bombay.

Q25: At what amount of rent Charles II lend the Bombay to East India Company?

1. 30 pounds
2. 10 pounds
3. 20 pounds
4. 50 pounds

Answer: B

Solution:

Charles II leased the island of Bombay to the East India Company for ten pounds a year in 1668.

Q26: From whom did the East India Company was able to get the Royal Farman in 1717 AD?

1. Shah Alam I
2. Shuja-ud-Daula
3. Shujauddin
4. Farrukhshiyar

Answer: D

Solution:

In 1717, the company was able to get Royal Farman from Farrukhsiyar, also known as Magma-carta, which stipulated that the company would receive duty-free trade (dastak) in Bengal in exchange for Rs.3000 per year and a total of Rs.10,000 as a one-time settlement.

Q28: Who was the Mughal King during the Battle of Plassey?

1. Shah Alam I
2. Shuja-ud-Daula
3. Alamgir II
4. Farrukhshiyar

Answer: C

Solution:

Alamgir II was the Mughal emperor during Battle of Plassey in 1757 AD. Plassey war established British governmental authority as well as a commercial body. Clive proclaimed Mir Jafar as Nawab of Bengal and installed him on the throne of Murshidabad during this war. Mir Jafar also handed EIC 24 Parganas of Bengal as its Zamindari.

Q29: Who was the Mughal Emperor during Battle of Buxar?

1. Shah Alam I
2. Shah Alam II
3. Shujauddin
4. Farrukhshiyar

Answer: B

Solution:

The battle of Buxar in 1764 pitted Mir Qasim, Siraj-ud-Daula, and the French against the Britishers, but the British won in the end. Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II ruled during this time.

Q27: In which year the Battle of Buxar was fought?

1. 1768
2. 1705
3. 1713
4. 1764

Answer: D

Solution:

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Q30: When was French european company created?

1. 1668
2. 1605
3. 1613
4. 1664

Answer: D

Solution:

The French trading firm 'company the oriental' was created in 1664 as a result of the efforts of Colbert, a prominent minister during the reign of Emperor Louis XIV of France.