Questions oon Rise of frontier dynasties:

Rise of frontier dynasties is an important topic with respect to exams. For the better understanding of the topic we summarise some MCQs based on the dynasties which rule in frontier part of India. The MCQs are based on Pala dynasty of Bengal and the Kingdoms of Kashmir including (Karkota dynasty, Utpala dynasty, and Lohara dynasty).

1. Where does the Pala empire rule?

1. Bengal
2. Kerala
3. Magadh
4. Bihar

Ans: A

In Bengal, Gopala established the Palas Empire. By caste, Gopala belonged to the Kshatriyas. Vanga, or East Bengal, was his birthplace. He was a Buddhist fanatic. A monastery was founded in Nalanda by him.

2. Who bestowed with the title of Paramobhattarak?

1. Mahipal I
2. Devapala
3. Gopala
4. Dharampala

Ans: D

Dharampala was an outstanding commander. Parmeswara, Paramobhattarak, and Maharajadhiraj were his titles. He founded the well-known Vikramshila monastery in Rajshahi, which later became a major Buddhist Vihara.

3. The palas were followers of which religion?

1. Jainism
2. Buddhism
3. Shaivism
4. Sufism

Ans: B

Palas were followers of Buddhism. Dharamapala was a devoted Buddhist who was passionate about his faith. He took the title of Paramasaugat. In the court of Dharampala, the famous buddhist scholar Haribhadra patronised. Dharampala established well-known Buddhist monasteries in Vikramshila and Somapuri (Paharpur).

4. The famous buddhist scholar Haribhadra patronise by which dynasty?

1. Vatapi
2. Chola
3. Chalukyas
4. Palas

Ans:

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5. The great Somapura Mahavihara was built by which king in Paharpur?

1. Pulakesin I
2. Nagabhatta
3. Mahipal I
4. Dharampala

Ans: D

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6. Which dynasty came after the decline of Pala dynasty?

1. Hoyasala
2. Kaktiya
3. Sena
4. Vatapi

Ans: C

After the Pala dynasty, Bengal was controlled by the Sena dynasty. Karnata-Kshatriya or Brahma-Kshatriya were the titles of the Sena rulers.

7. Who establish the Sena dynasty in Bengal?

1. Vijayasena
2. Samantsena
3. Hemantsena
4. Lakshmansena

Ans: B

Samantsena, the first known member of the Sena dynasty, founded the Sena kingdom at Radha in Bengal and established the Sena empire. Nadiya served as the country's capital (lakhnauti).

8. Umapatidhara resided in which king’s court?

1. Lakshmansena
2. Anantvarman
3. Devapala
4. Vijayasena

Ans: D

At Vijayasena court, the poet Umapatidhara resided and wrote the famous Deopara-prasasti, through which we can learn about his reign.

9. Jayadeva, a famous poet was resided in which kingdom?

1. Palas
2. Senas
3. Cholas
4. Chalukyas

Ans: B

During Laxman Sen's reign, Jayadeva, a prominent court poet, was a treasure. During his tenure, Halayudha was the Chief Minister and the head of the Justice Department.

10. Who was the founder of Karkota dynasty?

1. Yashovardhan
2. Durlabha Vardhana
3. Ashokvarman
4. Mahavirvarman

Ans: B

Durlabh Vardhana was the founder of the dynasty (Son of Karkota Naga). He was Baladitya's successor (his father-in-law and last ruler of Gonada Dynasty).

11. Who was the son of Durlabha vardhan of Karkota dynasty?

1. Durlabhaka
2. Tarapida
3. Chandrapida
4. Muktapida

Ans: A

Durlabhaka was Duralabha Vardhana's son. Durlabhaka and Narendraprabha (a gorgeous merchant's wife) had three kids (Chandrapida, Muktapida, Tarapida).

12. Who was known as Samudragupta of Kashmir?

1. Durlabhaka
2. Tarapida
3. Chandrapida
4. Lalita Muktapida

Ans: D

Lalitaditya Muktapida other moniker was Samudragupta of Kashmir. Chankurya was his General-in-Chief. Near the shrine of Kheer Bhawani, he erected Parihaspur as his capital (city of pleasure).

13. Who was the court poet of Lalitaditya Muktapida?

1. Devbhuti
2. Bhavbhuti
3. Tenaliraman
4. Vallabhacharya

Ans: B

 Bhavabhuti was his court poet. In Kannauj, he vanquished Yashovarman and brought Bhavabhuti and Vakpatiraja (poets).

14. Who established the Utpala dynasty?

1. Durlabhaka
2. Yashovarman
3. Avantivarman
4. Lalita Muktapida

Ans: C

Avantivarman was the creator of the Utpala dynasty. During his reign, Sheru was Prime Minister. Avantipura was established on the Jhelum's bank.

15. Which dynasty was ruling Kashmir when muhammad Ghazni invaded kashmir?

1. Utpala
2. Karkota
3. Gupta
4. Lohara

Ans:

 Mahmud Ghazni conquered Kashmir during Gupta king Kshemagupta reign. The throne was given to Sangram by Queen Didda (son of Udairaj, Brother of Didda).

16. Who founded the Lohara dynasty of Kashmir?

1. Sangramraja
2. Durlabhaka
3. Avantivarman
4. Devapala

Ans: A

Sangramraja (1003-28 AD) was the founder of this dynasty. Hariraja ruled after him for 22 days. The next king was Anantadeva (1028-1068 AD).

17. Famous poet Kalhan reside in which dynasty?

1. Varman dynasty
2. Lohara dynasty
3. Karkota Dynasty
4. Gupta Dynasty

Ans: B

Jayashima of Lohara dynasty revived Hinduism and built many temples and shrines. Famous poet Kalhan lived during his reign and completed Rajtarangani. Last ruler of this Dynasty was Vanitadeva who died in 1171 AD and this dynasty came to the end.

18. Who founded the Varman dynasty?

1. Pushyavarman
2. Nandivarman
3. Avantivarman
4. Devbhuti

Ans: A

Varman dynasty emerged in the mid of 4th century AD. The dynasty was founded by Pushyavarman. Its capital was Pragyajyotish. Later, the dynasty become a part of Pala dynasty.

19. Who made Parihaspur (the city of pleasure) as his kingdom capital?

1. Avantivarman
2. Sangramdev
3. Jayapida
4. Lalitaditya Muktapida

Ans: D

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20. Who was the first independent king of the Sena empire?

1. Lakshmansena
2. Vijayasena
3. Devasena
4. Vallalasena

Ans: B

Vijayasena was the Sena empire's first autonomous king. In Bengal, he was the true founder of the Sena dynasty. He was a Shaiva disciple who constructed a temple in Rajshahi.