

**Q1.** Krishnadeva Raya, the King of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss.

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**Q2.** Do you think that constitution of India does not accept the principle of strict separation of powers rather it is based on the principle of ‘checks and balances’? Explain.

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**Q3.** There is no liberty, if the power of judging be not separated from the legislative and executive powers. In this context analyse the role of collegium system in ensuring judicial independence.

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**Q4.** The jurisdiction of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) regarding lodging an FIR and conducting probe within a particular state is being questioned by various States. However, the power of States to withhold consent to the CBI is not absolute. Explain with special reference to the federal character of India.

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**Q5.** The accounts of foreign travellers provide a comprehensive picture of socio-economic and cultural life in the Vijayanagar Empire. Elaborate.

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