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| Question | **Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha?**1. He/she is appointed by the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
2. He/she is the custodian of the records of the House.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.** |
| Type | multiple\_choice |
| Option | 1 only |
| Option | 2 only |
| Option | Both 1 and 2 |
| Option | Neither 1 nor 2 |
| Answer | 3 |
| Solution | * Both the houses of parliament comprises an office of Secretary-General.
* The Secretary-General is the administrative head of the Secretariat of respective houses.
* **Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha is appointed by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha**, and holds a rank

equivalent to the Cabinet Secretary, the highest civil servant of the Union Government.* Role of Secretary-General
* He assists the Presiding Officers in conducting the proceedings of the House by giving them advice
* and expert opinion.
* He does not participate in the debate except for reporting messages from the other house about Bills
* or any other matter.
* All notices under the rules are addressed to him.
* **He is the custodian of the records of the House.**
* He prepares full reports of the proceedings of the House and also issues the List of Business for the
* day.
* On behalf of the President of India, he/she summons members to attend session of Parliament
* The Secretary General remains in office till his/her retirement at the age of 60. He/she is answerable only

to the presiding officer, his action cannot be discussed or criticised in or outside the house.* **Hence both the statements are correct.**
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| Positive Marks | 2 |
| Negative Marks | 0.67 |

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| Question | **Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Ahom Kingdom?**1. The Ahom kingdom was the only kingdom which remained undefeated by the Mughals.
2. The Ahom kings depended upon forced labour called paiks.
3. The capture of wild elephants was declared a royal monopoly by the Ahom kings.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.** |
| Type | multiple\_choice |
| Option | 1 and 2 only |
| Option | 2 and 3 only |
| Option | 1, 2 and 3 |
| Option | 1 and 3 only |
| Answer | 2 |
| Solution | * The Ahoms migrated to the **Brahmaputra valley (Northeast India)** from present-day Myanmar in the

thirteenth century. They created a new state by suppressing the older political system of the bhuiyans(landlords). The Ahoms built a large state, and for this, they used firearms as early as the 1530s.* However, the Ahoms faced many invasions from the south-west. **In 1662, the Mughals under Mir**

**Jumla attacked the Ahom kingdom.** Despite their brave defence, the Ahoms were defeated. But directMughal control over the region could not last long. **Hence statement 1 is not correct.*** The Ahom state depended upon forced labour. **Those forced to work for the state were called paiks.** A

census of the population was taken. Each village had to send a number of *paiks* by rotation. People fromheavily populated areas were shifted to less populated places. Ahom clans were thus broken up. **Hence****statement 2 is correct.*** By the first half of the seventeenth century, the administration became quite centralised. Almost all adult

males served in the army during the war. At other times, they were engaged in building dams, irrigationsystems and other public works. The Ahoms also introduced new methods of rice cultivation. **The****capture of wild elephants was declared a royal monopoly by the Ahom kings. Hence statement 3 is****correct.** |
| Positive Marks | 2 |
| Negative Marks | 0.67 |

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| Question | **Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the C. Rajgopalachari Formula?**1. It recommended the Muslim majority areas to exercise the right to selfdetermination.
2. It wanted the Muslim League's to endorse the Congress demand for independence.
3. The formula received Gandhiji's support.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.** |
| Type | multiple\_choice |
| Option | 1 and 2 only |
| Option | 3 only |
| Option | 1, 2 and 3 |
| Option | 1 and 3 only |
| Answer | 3 |
| Solution | * During the 1940s, several efforts were on to solve the ongoing constitutional crisis, basically due to Jinnah

wanting the Congress to accept his idea of Two-nation theory. In the course of time, some individuals alsotried to come up with constitutional proposals. C. Rajagopalachari, the veteran Congress leader, prepareda formula for Congress-League cooperation. **It was a tacit acceptance of the League's demand for****Pakistan. Gandhi supported the formula.** The main points in CR Plan were:* + **Muslim League to endorse Congress demand for independence.**
	+ League to cooperate with Congress in forming a provisional government at the centre.
	+ **After the end of the war, the entire population of Muslim majority areas in the North-West and North-East India to decide by a plebiscite, whether or not to form a separate sovereign state.**
	+ In case of acceptance of partition, agreement to be made jointly for safeguarding defence, commerce, communications, etc.
* **Hence all the statements are correct.**
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| Positive Marks | 2 |
| Negative Marks | 0.67 |

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| Question | **In the context of the medieval history of South India, the terms Manigramam and Nanadesi referred to:** |
| Type | multiple\_choice |
| Option | Village headmen |
| Option | Sects of Bhakti saints |
| Option | Trade guilds |
| Option | Villages given in the form of gift |
| Answer | 3 |
| Solution | * There were many kinds of traders in Medieval India. These included the Banjaras. Several traders, especially horse traders, formed associations, with headmen who negotiated on their behalf with warriors who bought horses.
* Since traders had to pass through many kingdoms and forests, they usually travelled in caravans and formed guilds to protect their interests. There were several such guilds in south India from the eighth century onwards – the most famous being the Manigramam and Nanadesi. These guilds traded extensively both within the peninsula and with Southeast Asia and China. **Hence option (c) is the correct answer.**

There were also communities like the Chettiars and the Marwari Oswal who went on to become the principal trading groups of the country. Gujarati traders, including the communities of Hindu Baniyas and Muslim Bohras, traded extensively with the ports of the Red Sea, Persian Gulf, East Africa, Southeast Asia and China. They sold textiles and spices in these ports and, in exchange, brought gold and ivory from Africa; and spices, tin, Chinese blue pottery and silver from Southeast Asia and China. |
| Positive Marks | 2 |
| Negative Marks | 0.67 |