



# HISTORY

## BOOKS - FULL MARKS HISTORY (HINGLISH)

### AN IMPERIAL CAPITAL VIJAYANAGARA

**Ncert Textbook Question Solved | Answer In 100  
150 Words**

1. What have been the methods used to study the ruins of Hampi over the last two centuries ? In what way do you think they would have complemented the information provided by the priests of the Virupaksha temple ?



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2. How were the water requirements of Vijayanagara met ?



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3. What do you think were the advantages and disadvantages of enclosing agricultural land within the fortified area of the city ?



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4. What do you think was the significance of the rituals associated with the Mahanavami Dibba ?



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5. The figure given above is an illustration of another pillar from the Virupaksha temple. Do you notice any floral motifs ? What are the animals shown ? Why do you think they are depicted ? Describe the human figures shown.



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**Ncert Textbook Question Solved | Write A Short Essay About 250 300 Words On The Following**

1. Discuss whether the term " royal centre " is an appropriate description for the part of the city for which it is used.



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2. What does the architecture of buildings like the Lotus Mahal and elephant stables tell us about the rulers who commissioned them ?



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3. What are the architectural traditions that inspired the architects of Vijayanagara ? How did they transform these traditions ?



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4. What impression of the lives of the ordinary people of Vijayanagara can you call from the various descriptions by historians ?



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## Ncert Textbook Question Solved Iii Map Work

1. On an outline map of the world, mark approximately the countries Italy, Portugal, Iran and Russia. Trace the routes the travellers from foreign countries like Italy and Portugal would have taken to reach Vijayanagara.



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**Additional Question | Veryshort Answer Type Questions**

1. Give the meaning of Vijayanagara.



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2. What are the main sources for reconstruction of the history of Vijayanagara empire ?



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3. What were the rulers of Orissa, Deccan Sultans and Rayas called popularly ?

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4. Who used the term 'House of victory' and for what ?

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5. Which goddess is called Pampadevi ?



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6. What do you know about Colin Mackenzie ?



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7. Who prepared the first survey map of Hampi and when ? With whose help it was prepared ?



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**8. When and by whom was Hampi declared a World Heritage site ?**



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**9. When and by whom was Vijayanagara empire founded ?**



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**10.** What was the stretch of Vijayanagara empire? By what name were its rulers known ?



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**11.** Between whom was the battle of Talikota fought ? What was its result ?



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**12.** Which two powerful dynasties emerged in Southern India before the emergence of the Cholas ? Name the two temples patronised by the rulers of these dynasties.



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**13.** What were the impact of Battle of Talikota.  
Write any two.



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14. What do you know about Kudirai Chettis ?



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15. Why was administration of the Vijayanagara empire famous ?



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16. Mention any two features about the location of the city of Vijayanagara.





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**17.** What kind of life did the people of Vijayanagara empire lead ?



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**18.** Describe in brief the condition of women in Vijayanagara empire.



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**19.** Which policy was adopted by the rulers of the Vijayanagara empire to control over Amara - Nayakas ? Did this policy succeed ? Give reasons.



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**20.** State any two reasons for the decline of the Vijayanagara empire.



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**21.** What do you know about Kamalapuram tank ?



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**22.** What was the importance of Kamalapuram tank ?



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**23.** Write any two features about the fortification of the Vijayanagara empire.



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**24.** Highlight any two features of the roads in Vijayanagara empire.



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**25.** Where was the Royal centre situated ?

Name its two famous buildings.



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**26.** What do you know about the Audience Hall

?



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**27.** Which special attractions were associated with the Mahanavami festival celebrated in Hampi ?



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**28.** Write any two features of Lotus Mahal.



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**29.** Mention any two features of the Hazara Rama temple in Royal centre.



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**30.** Where was sacred centre of the Vijayanagara empire situated ?



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**31.** Whose architectural traditions were adopted by the rulers of Vijayanagara ?



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**32.** Where is the Virupaksha temple ? By what other name is it known ?



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**33.** Write any two changes introduced by the rulers of Vijayanagara empire in temple construction ?



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**34.** What do you know about Gopuram and Mandapas ?



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**35.** Write any two features of Gopuram ?



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**36.** To whom the Vitthala temple is dedicated ?

By whom it was constructed ?



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**Additional Question li Short Answer Type Questions**



1. How was Vijayanagara empire established ?

Discuss.



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2. Describe the Contribution made by Harihara and Bukka in establishing the Vijayanagara empire.



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3. Discuss the contribution made by Krishna -  
deva Raya in the field of art and literature.



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4. Describe the position of women in  
Vijayanagara empire.



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5. Write a note on the trade of Vijayanagara empire.



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6. Throw light on the different aspects of the prosperous trade of the Vijayanagara empire.



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7. Discuss the features of Hazara Rama temple.



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8. " In the Vijayanagara kingdom, the temples played a creditable role in the social, religious, economic and cultural life ". Explain how.



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9. How were the halls in Virupaksha temple used ? Mention any two purposes.



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**10.** Write some distinctive features of the Vitthala temple.



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**11.** Temples in the Vijayanagara kingdom were a major economic force. Elaborate.



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**12.** In which way Fernao Nuniz described the markets of Vijayanagara ?



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**13.** What did Fernao Nuniz write about the markets of Vijayanagara ?



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**14.** Who were ashvapti and narapati ?



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**15.** How many dynasties ruled over Vijayanagara empire ? Name them.



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**16.** Name the most important rulers of the Sangama dynasty who ruled over Vijayanagara empire.



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**17.** Who was Krishnadeva Raya ?



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**18.** Name the most important work on statecraft composed by Krishnadeva Raya. In which language was it composed ?



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19. By what another name was the Battle of Talikota known ? Who was in this battle ?

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20. Who were Nayakas ?

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21. What do you know about Nayakas of Vijayanagara empire ?



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22. Write any two striking features about the location of Vijayanagara empire.



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23. Out of the structures built to store water in the Vijayanagara empire, which was the most prominent resource ? Who built it ?



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24. Who was Abdur Razzaq ?



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25. Write any two features of Mahanavami  
Dibba.



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**26.** Attempt a brief note on the Lotus Mahal and elephant stables.



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**27.** What does the architecture of buildings like the Lotus Mahal and elephant stables tell us about the rulers who commissioned them ?



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## Additional Question ii Short Answer Type Questions

1. Describe the various causes responsible for the downfall of Vijayanagara empire.



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2. Which factors were responsible for the decline of Vijayanagara empire ?



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3. Describe the salient features of the administration of Vijayanagara empire.



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4. What do you know about the social and economic conditions of the Vijayanagara empire ? Explain in detail.



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5. Discuss the account of local traditions associated with the sacred centre.



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## Additional Question Iv Source Based Question

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

How tanks were built

About a tank constructed by Krishnadeva Raya,

Paes wrote : The king mad a tank..... At the mouth of two hills so that all the water which comes from either one side or the other collects there, and, besides this, water comes to it from more than three leagues (approximately 15 kilometres) by pipes which run along the lower parts of the range outside. This water is brought from a lake which itself overflows into a little river. The tank has three large pillars handsomely carved with figures, these connect above with certain pipes by which they get water when they have to irrigate their gardens and rice-fields. In



order to make this tank the said king broke down a hill..... In the tank I saw so many people at work that there must have been fifteen or twenty thousand men, looking like ants....

(i) How did the water get collected in the tank ?

(ii) What were the other sources of water for Vijayanagara ?

(iii) Name the king associated with the construction of the tank . Why did he do so ?



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## Additional Question V Passage Based Question

1. Read the source given below and answer the question which follow :

Colin Mackenzie

Born in 1754, Colin Mackenzie became famous as an engineer, surveyor and cartographer. In 1815 he was appointed the first Surveyor General of India, a post he held till his death in 1821. He embarked on collecting local histories and surveying historic sites in order to better understand India's past and make governance

of the colony easier. He says that " it struggled long under the miseries of bad management... before the south came under the benign influence of the British government ". By studying Vijayanagara, Mackenzie believed that the East India Company could gain " much useful information on many of these institutions, laws and customs whose influence still prevails among the various Tribes of Natives forming the general mass of the population to this day ".

(i) Who was Colin Mackenzie ? Why was he

famous ?

(ii) How did he collect information about Hampi ?

(iii) How did it enable the scholars to study about Hampi ?



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2. Read the source given below and answer the questions which follow :

A sprawling city

This is an excerpt from Domingo Paes's

description of Vijayanagara : The size of this city I do not write here, because it cannot all be seen from any one spot, but I climbed a hill whence I could see a great part of it, I could not see it all because it lies between several ranges of hills. What I saw from thence seemed to me as large as Rome, and very beautiful to the sight, there are many groves of trees within it, in the gardens of the houses, and many conduits of water which flow into the midst of it, and in places there are lakes, and the king has close to his palace a palm-grove and other rich fruit-bearing trees.

(i) Who is the author of this excerpt ?

(ii) Why did the author not write about the size of Vijayanagara ?

(iii) Write any three features of author's description of Vijayanagara.



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**3.** Read the source given below and answer the questions which follow :

The bazaar

Paes gives a vivid description of the bazaar :

Going forward, you have a broad and beautiful street .... In this street live many merchants, and there you will find all sorts of rubies, and diamonds, and emeralds, and pearls, and seed - pearls, and cloths, and every other sort of thing there is on earth and that you may wish to buy. Then you have there every evening a fair where they sell many common horses and nags, and also many citrons, and limes, and oranges, and grapes and every other kind of garden stuff, and wood, you have all in this street. More generally, he described the city as being " the best provided city in the world "

with the markets " stocked with provisions such as rice, wheat, grains, India corn and a certain amount of barley and beans, moong, pulses and horse - gram" all of which were cheaply and abundantly available. According to Fernao Nuniz, the Vijayanagara markets were " overflowing with abundance of fruits, grapes and oranges, limes, pomegranates, jackfruit and mangoes and all very cheap ". Meat too was sold in abundance in the marketplaces. Nuniz describes " mutton, pork, venison, partridges, hares, doves, quail and all kinds of birds, sparrows, rats and cats and



lizards " as being sold in the market of Bisnaga (Vijayanagara).

(i) In which city this bazaar had been found ?

(ii) What Paes had written about Bazaar ?

(iii) According to Fernao Nuniz, what were the three features of the Bazaar ?



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**4.** Read the sources given below and answer the questions which follow :

Kings and traders

Krishnadeva Raya (ruled 1509 – 29), the most famous ruler of Vijayanagara, composed a work on statecraft in Telugu known as the Amuktamalyada. About traders he wrote : A king should improve the harbours of his country and so encourage its commerce that horses, elephants, precious gems, sandalwood, pearls and other articles are freely imported ... He should arrange that the foreign sailors who land in his country on account of storms, illness and exhaustion are looked after in a suitable manner.... Make the merchants of distant foreign countries who import

elephants and good horses be attached to yourself by providing them with daily audience, presents and allowing decent profits. Then those articles will never go to your enemies.

(i) Explain the responsibilities of a king mentioned by Krishnadeva Raya.

(ii) In what ways had Krishnadeva Raya protected articles from going to his enemies ?

(iii) Explain the measures taken by the king to improve the conditions of his country.



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## Additional Question Vii Map Based Question

1. On the map of India, mark and locate the following 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> century cities of Southern India.

1. Bijapur 2. Warangal 3. Thanjavur 4. Quilon 5. Golconda 6. Kanchipuram 7. Vijayanagara 8. Bidar 9. Chandragiri 10. Madurai 11. Mysore 12. Kolar 13. Tirunelveli



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2. On the Map of Indian Peninsula, mark and locate the important cities of 14<sup>th</sup> century.



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## Previous Years Board Questions

1. Describe the stages by which the Vijayanagara empire was built.



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2. Explain the importance of the 'sacred centre' in Vijayanagara with special emphasis on Gopurams and Mandapas.



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3. Give a brief account of local traditions associated with sacred centre.



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4. Who were Amara Nayakas under the Rayas of Vijayanagara ? What did they do ?



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5. Who were Amara-Nayakas in Vijayanagara empire ? Mention any two works done by them.



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6. Describe the features of the temple of Vijayanagara empire.



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7. Write any two features about the location of Vijayanagara empire.



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**8.** Mention any two striking features about the geographical location of Vijayanagara.



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**9.** Write any two features of Krishnadeva Raya's rule.



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**10.** State two characteristics of Krishnadeva Raya's rule.



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**11.** Mention two reasons for having control on the Northern frontiers of the Vijayanagara kingdom by the Sultan of Deccan and the Gajpati rulers of Orissa.



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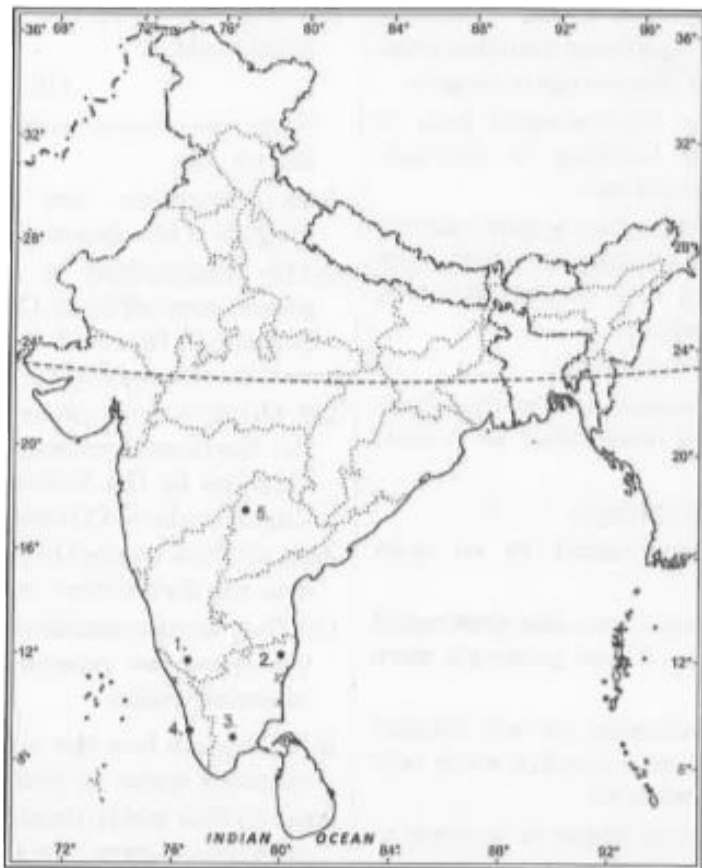
**12.** Explain how the people of Vijayanagara obtained water for their needs.



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**13.** On the given political outline map of India, five important places in South India during 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century have been marked as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Identify them and write their

names on the line drawn near them.



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**14.** Building or architectural remains are a source for reconstruction of history. Discuss.



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**15.** Describe briefly what the buildings that survive tell us about the way spaces were organised and used in Vijayanagara ?



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**16.** Mention any two ceremonies performed on the occasion of Mahanavami Dibba.



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**17.** Mention the rituals associated with Mahanavami dibba, situated in the Royal centre of Vijayanagara.



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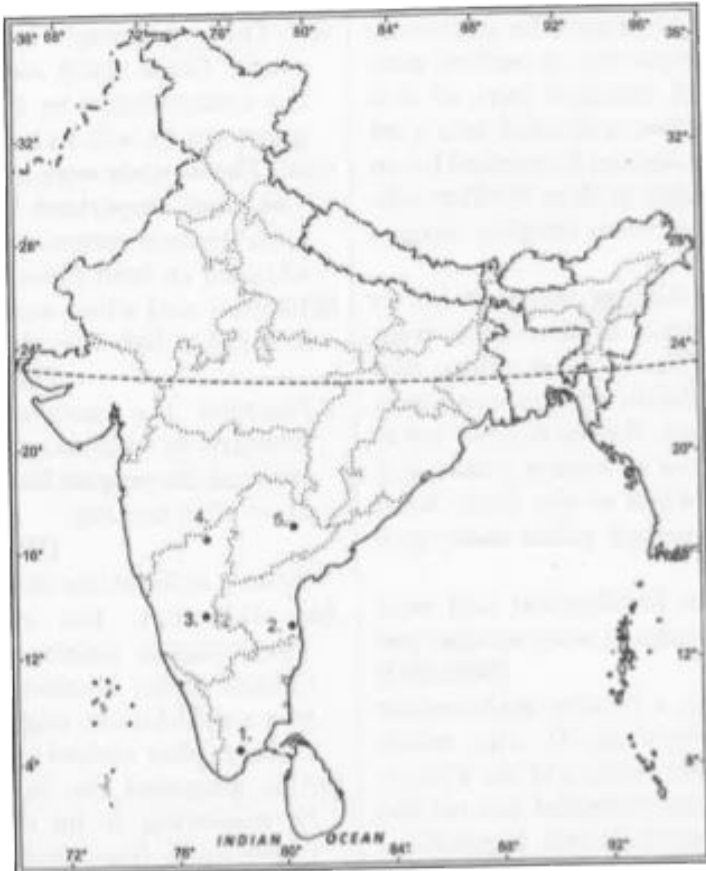
**18.** Mention any two features of the temple complexes in Vijayanagara.



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**19.** On the given political outline map of India, five important places in South India have been marked as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Identify them and write

their names on the mark drawn near them.



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20. Mention how the successors of Krishnadeva Raya were troubled by the rebellious Nayakas and military chiefs after his death.



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21. Describe the various efforts made by the scholars to study Vijayanagara after Mackenzie's time.



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**22.** Explain how the fortification and road in the city of Vijayanagara were unique and impressive.

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**23.** How and when were the ruins of Hampi brought to light ? Explain briefly.

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**24.** Describe the various methods used by scholars to reconstruct the history of the city and the empire from the ruins of Hampi up to *20th* century.



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**25.** Write a note on the discovery of Hampi.



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**26.** Explain briefly any five striking features about the location of Vijayanagara.



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**27.** Highlight any four aspects observed by the Portuguese traveller Barbosa on the urban core of the Vijayanagara empire.



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**28.** Highlight any four aspects observed by Abdur Razzak on the fortification of Vijayanagara empire.



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**29.** Who were Nayakas and Amara- Nayakas ? Describe their role in the administration of Vijayanagara.



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**30.** Assess the role of Amara-Nayakas in the Vijayanagara empire.



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**31.** Describe the rituals associated with the Mahanavami Dibba.



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**32.** In your view, what was the significance of the rituals associated with the Mahanavami Dibba ?



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**33.** What do you think was the Significance of the rituals associated with Mahanavami Dibba ?



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**34.** " Domingo Paes has called the Mahanavami Dibba of Vijayanagara empire as the "House of Victory". Justify.



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**35.** Highlight the aspects observed by Domingo Paes on the Mahanavami Dibba of the Vijayanagara empire.



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**36.** On the given Political outline map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols.

(i) Vijayanagara : The imperial capital of Krishnadeva Raya.

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**37.** Identify the rituals and practices associated with the Mahanavami Dibba, a structure in the Royal Centre of Vijayanagara Empire.

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**38.** Outline the distinctive features of the Virupaksha temple and the Vitthala temple in the Royal Centre of Vijayanagara Empire.



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**39.** Examine how the amara-nayaka system was a political innovation of the Vijayanagara Empire.



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**40.** Examine the outcome of the battle of Rakshasi-Tangadi (Talikota).



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**41.** Examine the significance of enclosing agricultural land within the fortified area of the city of Vijayanagara.



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