

UNIT: 1 - FORTS AND PALACES

Class: V

Subject: Social Science

I. Choose the correct answer.

- _____ fort was built by Kings of Vijayanagar.
a) Udayagiri b) **Vellore** c) Gingee
- Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace is situated in _____.
a) Salem b) Thirumalai c) **Madurai**
- _____ Mahal is considered as one of the oldest historical libraries in India.
a) **Saraswathi** b) Lakshmi c) Durga
- Padmanabhapuram Palace is in _____.
a) Ooty b) **Kanyakumari** c) Chennai
- _____ fort is locally called Danish fort.
a) Dindigul b) Gingee c) **Tharangambadi**

II. Match the following.

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| 1. Gingee fort | - | Villupuram |
| 2. Danish fort | - | Tharangambadi |
| 3. Tammukkam Palace | - | Madurai |
| 4. Thirumayam fort | - | Pudukottai |
| 5. Fort St. George | - | Chennai |

III. True or False.

- Tamil Nadu has been ruled by many Rulers. Especially by the Chera, Chola, Pandya and Pallava rulers. (**True**)
- Vellore Fort has five mahals. (**True**)
- Dindigul Fort was built by the Nayaks of Madurai. (**True**)
- Oomayan Kottai is the other name for Gingee fort. (**False**)
- The Padmanabhapuram Palace was built by the ruler of Travancore. (**True**)

IV. Answer the following.

1. What are the prime attractions of Tamil Nadu tourism?

Palaces and forts are the prime attractions of Tamil Nadu tourism.

2. Write a short note on Tharangambadi fort.

- Tharangambadi fort is locally called Danish fort. It is located on the shores of Bay of Bengal in Tharangambadi (Tranquebar), Tamil Nadu.
- The fort is trapezoidal in shape with three rooms in the left wing.
- The central pillar of the hall holds the entire weight of the domes.

3. Name some of the tourist attractions of Gingee fort.

- Gingee Fort is a huge fort with many attractions like
- Kalyan Mahal,
- temples,
- Aanaikulam pond,
- granaries and a watchtower.

4. Give a short note on Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace.

- Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace is a 17th-century architecture of Nayakkar dynasty. It is one of the most popular palaces in South India.
- Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace is located in the city of Madurai. This is one of the tourist spots of Tamil Nadu.

5. Who built the Thanjavur Maratha Palace? Write some of its tourist attractions.

- Thanjavur Maratha palace was originally constructed by the rulers of Thanjavur Nayakkar kingdom.
- Thanjavur Palace Complex is a tourist attraction which houses three separate venues: the palace, the art gallery, and a manuscript library (Saraswathi Mahal).

V. Answer in detail.

1. Describe the structure of the Vellore fort.

Vellore Fort is a 16th-century fort situated in Vellore, Tamil Nadu. It was built by the Kings of Vijayanagara.

- Among the forts in Tamil Nadu, Vellore fort is considered to be one of the most invincible forts.
- It is surrounded by a deep and wide moat.
- The water of this moat was home to thousands of crocodiles.
- It was feared by many raiders of the fort. This fort is a good example of military architecture.

2. Write about Dindigul fort.

- Dindigul Fort is a 17th-century hill fort situated in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. It is also called Dindigul Malai Kottai.
- Dindigul Fort was built by the Nayakkars of Madurai, in order to defend their region from the invading Mysore army.
- Presently, the fort is maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- The fort was cemented with double walls to withstand heavy artillery.

3. Describe the architecture and various sections of Padmanabhapuram Palace.

- Padmanabhapuram Palace is a beautiful historical monument that is situated at Padmanabhapuram, Kanyakumari District. It is also known as Kalkulam Palace.
- Padmanabhapuram Palace is a wooden palace which is built in Kerala style of architecture.
- The Padmanabhapuram Palace was built by the ruler of Travancore. The palace has various sections like Queen Mother QJ Palace, Council Chamber, Southern Palace, and so on.

