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Answers Key:

IV. Answer the following:

1. 1. Sangam age has its roots in the Iron age.
   2. In the iron age people were organised into chiefdoms.
   3. From such communities of Iron Age emerged the Vendhars of the early historic period.
   4. The Velirs of the Sangam Age were chieftains.
   5. The Mauryan emperor Ashoka conquered Kalinga and Karnataka.
   6. But Ashokan inscriptions are not seen in Tamil Nadu, Therefore we may conclude that the Tamil rulers were independent of Mauryan authority.
   7. Among the political powers of the Sangam Age the Cheras, the Cholas and the Pandyas occupied pre eminent position. They were known as Muvendhars.
   8. The Muvendhars controlled the major towns and ports of the Sangam period.
   9. The Cheras ruled over the region of present day Kerala and Western part of Tamil Nadu.
   10. The Cholas ruled over the Kaveri delta and Northern parts of Tamil Nadu.
   11. The Pandyas ruled the sourthdrn part of Tamil Nadu with Madurai as their capital.
   12 Apart from the Vendhars there were Velirs and numerous chieftains.
   13. Sangam poems write extensively about the generosity of the people.

III. Answer the following:

2. (i) Coins as a medium of exchange were introduced for the first time in the Sangam Age.
   (ii) The coins of the Cheras, the Cholas and the Pandyas, punch-marked coins, and Roman coins form another important source of evidence from the Sangam Age.
   (iii) Sometimes coins were protected as a precious wealth.
3. (i) Tamil country had connections with countries overseas both in the east and west.
   (ii) Roman ships used monsoon winds to cross the Western Sea or the Arabian Sea to connect Tamilagam with the Western world.
   (iii) Spices including pepper, ivory, and precious stones were exported.
   (iv) Metal including gold, silver and copper and precious stones were imported.

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II. Fill in the blanks:

4. (☒) Sphinx
5. (☒) Arthasastra
6. (☒) Thinai

I. Multiple Choice Question:

7. (c) Mahavamsa
8. (c) (ii) & (iii) is correct
9. (c) (iii) is correct