

## Short Answer Questions

### **Q.1. What developments took place in the 7th century?**

**Ans. (i)** By 7th century, many new landlords and warrior chieftains emerged in the subcontinent called Samantas.

**(ii)** The wealth and influence of samantas increased, due to which they became Mahasamanta or Mahamandaleshwara (Lord of the circle).

**(iii)** They started ruling over independent kingdoms.

### **Q.2. Write a note on provincial administration of Cholas.**

**Ans.** The Chola administration was very well organised and efficient. The administration of Chola dynasty was essentially monarchical in character divided into nine provinces. These were called mandalams. The king appointed viceroy to look after the provincial administration. They sent regular information to the king.

### **Q.3. Write a note on the Pandyas.**

**Ans.** The region around modern Madurai was controlled by the Pandyas. Marco Polo, a foreign traveller visited the Pandya kingdom. The greatest king of the Pandyas was Nedunchezhiyan. The kingdom started declining in the 14th century

### **Q.4. How new class of rulers emerged during seventh century?**

**Ans.** The new class of rulers were the subordinates or samantas under the influence of big landlords or warriors. Later, they (Samantas) themselves gained power and wealth and declared themselves to be Maha-Samantas or Mahamandaleshwara. These once big landlords or warrior chiefs of different regions sometimes claimed their independence from their overlords.