

# Chapter – 1

## Forts and Palaces

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### Evaluation

#### I. Choose the correct answer:

**Question 1.**

\_\_\_\_\_ fort was built by Kings of Vijayanagar.

- a) Udayagiri
- b) Vellore
- c) Gingee

**Answer:**

- b) Vellore

**Question 2.**

Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace is situated in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Salem
- b) Thirumalai
- c) Madurai

**Answer:**

- c) Madurai

**Question 3.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahal is considered as one of the oldest historical libraries in India.

- a) Saraswathi
- b) Lakshmi
- c) Durga

**Answer:**

- a) Saraswathi

**Question 4.**

Padmanabhapuram Palace is in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Ooty
- b) Kanyakumari

c) Chennai

**Answer:**

b) Kanyakumari

**Question 5.**

\_\_\_\_\_ fort is locally called Danish fort.

a) Dindigul

b) Gingee

c) Tharangambadi

**Answer:**

c) Tharangambadi

## **II. Match the following:**

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

**Answer:**

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

## **III. True or False:**

**Question 1.**

Tamil Nadu has been ruled by many Rulers. Especially by the Chera, Chola, Pandya, and Pallava rulers.

**Answer:**

True

**Question 2.**

Vellore Fort has five mahals.

**Answer:**

True

**Question 3.**

Dindigul Fort was built by the Nayaks of Madurai.

**Answer:**

True

**Question 4.**

Oomayan Kottai is the other name for Gingee fort.

**Answer:**

False

**Question 5.**

The Padmanabhapuram Palace was built by the ruler of Travancore.

**Answer:**

True

**IV. Answer the following:**

**Question 1.**

What are the prime attractions of Tamil Nadu tourism?

**Answer:**

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

**Question 2.**

Write a short note on Tharangambadi fort.

**Answer:**

- 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.

**Question 3.**

Name some of the tourist attractions of Gingee fort.

**Answer:**

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

**Question 4.**

Give a short note on Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace.

**Answer:**

- 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.

**Question 5.**

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

**Answer:**

- 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:**

**Question 1.**

Describe the structure of the Vellore fort.

**Answer:**

- 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.

### **Question 2.**

Write about Dindigul fort.

**Answer:**

- 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.

### **Question 3.**

Describe the architecture and various sections of Padmanabhapuram Palace.

**Answer:**

- 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.