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Q38

**Consider the following statements : 1. It was during the reign of Iltutmish that Chengiz Khan reached the Indus in pursuit of the fugitive Khwarezm prince. 2. It was during the reign of Muhammad bin Tughluq that Taimur occupied Multan and crossed the Indus. 3. It was during the reign of Deva Raya II of Vijayanagara Empire that Vasco da Gama reached the coast of Kerala. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 (c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

1 only. Iltutmish's reign: Chinggis reached the Indus chasing Jalal-ud-din of Khwarazm. Timur invaded in 1398 under the Tughluqs' last phase, not Muhammad bin Tughluq. Vasco da Gama (1498) is after Deva Raya II.

**(b)**

1 and 2. Statement 2 mis-dates Timur.

**(c)**

3 only. Vasco is 1498; Deva Raya II died 1446.

**(d)**

2 and 3. Both fail.

**Summary**

Official key is (a) 1 only. In Iltutmish's time Chengiz Khan came to the Indus in 1221. Timur sacked Delhi in 1398 (Nasir-ud-din Mahmud), not under Muhammad bin Tughluq. Vasco da Gama arrived in 1498, after Deva Raya II.

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**1221**

Jalal-ud-din Mingburnu flees; Chinggis at the Indus.

**1498**

Vasco at Calicut; Gajapati / Kerala coast, not Deva Raya II.

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