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With reference to the history of ancient India, Bhavabhuti, Hastimalla and Kshemeshvara were famous (a) Jain monks (b) playwrights (c) temple architects (d) philosophers Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Jain monks. Wrong vocation.

(b) Official key

Playwrights. **Bhavabhuti**, Hastimalla, Kshemeshvara - dramatists.

(c)

Temple architects. Unrelated.

(d)

Philosophers. Not their fame.

Summary

Official key is (b) playwrights. **Bhavabhuti** (Uttararamacharita), Hastimalla and Kshemeshvara are names of Sanskrit dramatists, not architects or Jain monks.

Related possible facts

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Bhavabhuti

8th c.; Malatimadhava, Mahaviracharita.

Kalidasa

The better-known dramatist neighbour.

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