

2023

HISTORY

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

*All the questions are compulsory.**The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.**Answer Question Nos. 1 to 4 by writing A or B or C or D of the correct answer.*

1. Which of the following was not a part of the Harappan people's diet? 1
(A) Wheat
(B) Barley
(C) Rice
(D) Potato
2. Who among the following started a Hindu revivalist movement to give a new orientation to Hinduism in the 9th century CE? 1
(A) Sankaracharya
(B) Ramanuja
(C) Madhava
(D) Ramananda

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3. For which of the following reasons did the Sepoys march to Delhi from Meerut in the Revolt of 1857? 1

(A) The Governor General lived in Delhi.

(B) Laxmi Bai urged the sepoys to move to Delhi.

(C) To acquire a kind of legitimacy of the Mughal Emperor at Delhi.

(D) Greased cartridges were being made in Delhi.

4. Which of the following Kings of Manipur signed a treaty of trade and commerce and defence with the British in 1762? 1

(A) Gambhir Singh

(B) Bhagyachandra

(C) Chandrakriti Singh

(D) Churachand Singh

Answer Question Nos. 5 to 12 in one complete sentence each.

5. Why is James Prinsep's contribution considered as a historic development in Indian epigraphy? 1

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6. Name the place where Vardhaman Mahavira was born. 1
7. Why was Ibn Battuta attracted to Muhammad bin Tughlaq, the Sultan of Delhi, as soon as he reached Sind in 1333 CE ? 1
8. Who were known as Khud - Kashta in the agrarian society of medieval India ? 1
9. State the significance of the cantonment area developed by the British in the colonial cities of India. 1
10. Why did the Congress not accept the proposal to form a joint government with the Muslim League in the United Provinces after the election of 1937 ? 1
11. Why is the study of coins an important component in the reconstruction of the history of Manipur ? 1
12. In which year the Treaty of Yandaboo was signed ? 1

Answer to Question Nos. 13 to 24 should be limited to 30 words each.

13. "The Gupta age was a period of religious toleration". Justify the statement. 2
14. Analyse the status of women in the early society of India. 2
15. Why is it said that Buddhism had its impact on the growth and spread of education in India ? 2

16. Why did Babur, the King of Kabul invade India in the 16th century? 2
17. "The Mughal Emperors of India were great admirers of Persian culture." Justify. 2
18. Analyse the role of zamindars in the Mughal period. 2
19. "The colonial cities offered new opportunities for women during the 19th century." Justify. 2
20. Why did the British Parliament send Cripps Mission to India in 1942? Give two points. 2
21. "The relationship between India and Pakistan has been profoundly shaped by the legacy of Partition." Justify the statement. 2
22. Why did the Kukis revolt against the British rule in 1917? 2
23. How did the Mesolithic period provide new resources to humans of prehistoric period? 2
24. "In the case of Manipur, metal culture was found developing in a limited way during protohistoric period." Justify the statement. 2

Answer to Question Nos. 25 to 32 should be limited to 60 words each.

25. "The Buddhist stupas are said to be stories in stone." Justify the statement by taking Sanchi stupa as an example. 4

26. "The Bhakti movement influenced even the Indian rulers of the time." Justify the statement. 4
27. "Lamyamba Hijam Irabot was a versatile personality." Justify the statement. 4
28. State the factors responsible for the downfall of the Gupta Empire. 4
29. Write the inherent problems faced by Al Beruni in his attempt to understand the different aspects of the Indian society. 4
30. Mention the names of the leader of the Revolt of 1857 in (a) Kanpur, (b) Jhansi, (c) Lucknow and (d) Bihar. 1+1+1+1=4
31. Write any four characteristics of the protohistorical period. 4
32. Draw an outline map of India and on it, locate the following places with names, where – 2+1+1=4
- (i) General Dyer fired on the innocent crowd on April 13, 1919.
- (ii) All India Congress Committee took the Quit India resolution on 8th August 1942.

Answer to Question Nos. 33 to 36 should be limited to 150 words each.

33. Explain the town planning system of Mohenjodaro and Harappa. 8

Or

Describe the factors that were responsible for the collapse of a mature Harappan civilisation by 1800 BCE. 8

34. Describe briefly the architectural style and characteristic features of the Vijayanagara temples. 8

Or

Describe briefly the non-religious buildings in the royal centre of Vijayanagara empire, such as (i) The Audience Hall and (ii) Mahanavami Dibba. 4+4=8

35. "After introducing the Permanent Settlement in Bengal, zamindars regularly failed to pay the revenue." Explain. 8

Or

How did the peasants fall into the debt-trap of the money lenders after the introduction of Ryotwari settlement in Bombay Deccan? Explain. 8

36. How did the First Anglo Burmese War (1824–26) restored Manipur as an independent kingdom? 8

Or

Discuss the role of Manipuri women in the Second Nupi Lal of 1939. 8