

2017

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(2nd Semester)

HISTORY

SECOND PAPER

(History of India up to Post-Maurya Period)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

- 1. Give an account of the archaeological sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.**

Or

Examine the economic activities of the Harappan people.

- 2. Discuss the social and political life of the Rig-Vedic period.**

Or

What are the material and ideological background of the *Upanishads*?

3. Discuss the rise and growth of Magadha.

Or

Discuss the teachings and social implications of Mahavira.

4. What was the nature and structure of the Mauryan Empire?

Or

Analyze the decline of the Mauryan Empire.

5. Write on the career and achievements of Kanishka.

Or

What was the significance of the Indo-Roman trade?

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(4th Semester)

HISTORY

FOURTH PAPER

(History of the Mughals)

(Pre-Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. Examine the Mughal-Afghan contest for supermacy in India.

OR

2. Give an account of the pre-Mughal society with reference to caste, social, manners and customs.

3. Discuss the main features of the Mughal administration under Akbar.

OR

4. Trace the rise of Marathas under Shivaji during the 17th Century.

5. Examine the social structure of the Mughal society with reference to nobility and Zamindars.

OR

6. Describe the main features of land revenue administration in the Mughal Empire.

7. Critically discuss Akbar's religious policy.

OR

8. Discuss the development of language and literature during the Mughal period.

9. Give an account of the emergence of Regional States in the 18th Century.

OR

10. Enumerate the various theories of the decline of the Mughal Empire. Do you think the Mughal system was inherently flawed?

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(5th Semester)

HISTORY

SEVENTH PAPER

(**Early Modern Europe**)

(Pre-Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

Answer **all** questions

1. Who were the Ottomans? How did they conquer Constantinople and what were the bases of their power?

Or

How did Europe encounter the new world?

2. Why did Renaissance occur in Italy?

Or

Why and how did England become a Protestant country?

3. The long century of War between 1540 and 1660 decisively altered the balance of power among the major Kingdoms of Western Europe. Examine with reference to Spain and France.

Or

What were the causes of the English Civil War? Why were the consequences considered 'radical' among all the revolts that shocked the mid-17th century Europe?

4. Evaluate the Absolutist Rule of Peter I and Catherine the Great in transforming the Russian Empire.

Or

What were the causes of the French Revolution?

5. Evaluate the emergence of natural philosophy in the 17th century with reference to Bacon and Descartes.

Or

How would you assess the contributions of Mary Wollstonecraft and Jean-Jacques Rousseau towards understanding nature, gender and enlightenment radicalism?

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(6th Semester)

HISTORY

NINTH PAPER

(Modern World History)

(Revised and Pre-Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

- 1. Why did the Industrial Revolution first take place in Britain?**

Or

What are the innovations introduced in the textile industries after the Industrial Revolution?

2. What were the reforms introduced by Napoleon Bonaparte?

Or

Describe the Unification of Germany.

3. What do you mean by Scramble for Africa? Explain its effects.

Or

Discuss the women's suffrage movement in the 19th century.

4. Explain the factors responsible for the outbreak of the First World War.

Or

Account for the rise of Fascism in Italy.

5. Define Manhattan Project and its effects in the Second World War.

Or

Write the circumstances leading to the birth of the United Nations. What were its aims?

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(6th Semester)

HISTORY

TENTH PAPER

(Contemporary World)

(Revised and Pre-Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

- 1. Trace the origin and impact of the Cold War.**

Or

What do you mean by the 'Golden Years'?
Discuss the role played by the technological
revolution in the post-war economic surge.

2. Define 'decolonization'. Discuss the process of decolonization after the Second World War.

Or

Briefly explain the development and end of Apartheid in South Africa.

3. Analyze the rise of South Korea and Taiwan as economic powerhouses.

Or

How did North Korea become the most serious threat to regional security in the 1990s?

4. Critically examine the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the end of the Soviet Union.

Or

Analyze women's changing roles from the end of the Second World War.

5. What is globalization? How did it transform the outlook of the people?

Or

Illustrate the nature and characteristic of a network society and how it has become the foundation of our society in the twenty-first century.

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(6th Semester)

HISTORY

ELEVENTH PAPER

(Historiography)

(Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. What is Historiography?

Or

Discuss the relationship between History and Sociology.

2. Do you think generalisation is possible in history writing?

Or

What are objectivity and subjectivity in history?

3. Give an account on Chinese historiography.

Or

What are the chief features of ancient Indian historical writings?

4. Discuss the contribution of Marxism to historiography.

Or

Write an essay on Annales school of history.

5. What are the main ideologists contained in Imperialist historiography?

Or

What are the different views discussed by nationalist historians on the issues of Modern period?

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(6th Semester)

HISTORY

TWELFTH (C) PAPER

(History of Modern China)

(Pre-Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

- 1. Throw light on the land and taxation system of China.**

Or

Write a detailed note on the Chinese social stratification during the 19th century.

2. Discuss the nature and origin of the Canton system of trade. What are the articles of trade?

Or

Write an essay on the Open Door Policy.

3. What were the causes of Taiping Rebellion?

Or

Briefly discuss about the Self-Strengthening Movement and its achievement.

4. What do you know about May Fourth Movement? Examine its nature.

Or

Describe Dr. Sun Yat-sen's role for the outbreak of Revolution in China.

5. Write a detailed note on the KMT Campaigns.

Or

Throw light on the birth of People's Republic of China.

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