

HISTORY (GENERAL)

PART-I (Full Marks :300)

Paper-I:
Marks :100

Full

Indian History

(Pre-historic times to Sixteenth Century A.D.)

- A. Literary and Archaeological sources of Ancient and Medieval Indian History
-Archaeological methods - Archaeological knowledge and the historical understanding of the rise and decline of Indus Valley Civilization.
- B. Political developments- I :
Indian Polity in later Vedic times -The Mahayanapadas - the rise and fall of the Maurya Empire - the Satavahana and Kushana rule- the imperial Guptas -Regional powers and the struggle for power in North India - Political developments in South India
- C. Political developments-II :
Impact of Islam and political change in India-
Brief overview of the Delhi Sultanate- the administration of the Delhi Sultanate-the centralized monarchy -political ideologies in the Delhi Sultanate - Independent Sultans of Bengal - the Vijaynagar empire.
- Economic life in ancient and early medieval India-Land systems in ancient India-Framework of agriculture ; the state, taxation, irrigation and the agrarian economy- The urban social formations- Internal and overseas trade- Crafts and Guilds- the Indian Feudalism, issues and debates.
- II. The Delhi Sultanate and a changing framework of agriculture- Iqta system-emergence of new urban centres and a reorientation in commercial life.
- E. I. **Society and Religion: Vedic religion and the quest for knowledge – the basic framework of Brahminical religion-Buddhism, Jainism and social protest. The apogee of Brahminism and the rise of sectarian cults-Saivism, Vaishnavism, the cult of mother goddess.**
- II. Social life : Social structure- From Varna to Jati - Family life and the status of

women.

III. The nature of the impact of Islam on Indian society - sufism - Syncretic beliefs and the Bhakti movement.

F. Art, Architecture, Science

I. Ancient Indian architecture and sculpture - stupa, chaitya, temples of different styles - Islam and the introduction of new forms - emergence of an Indo saracenic style.

II. Literary products of classical India - Epics and Puranas - Administrative texts, Kautilya's Arthashastra - Literary developments in the Gupta age - Scientific knowledge

with special reference to astronomy, Mathematics and medicine - Post thirteen century developments - history writing in India under the Sultanate - new developments in medicine.

(A) 4 Questions from Section A,B & C.

(B) 2 Questions from Section D (one each from Sub-Section I & II)

(C) 2 Questions from Section E

(D) Questions from Section F (one each from Sub-Section I & II)

Paper II:

Indian History (C. 1526 to 1914 A.D.)

Full Marks – 100

A. *Disintegration of the Sultnate and foundation of Mughale Empire*
Significance of the victory of Babar over the Indian adversaries -Mughal Afghan contest --Sher Shah as a reformer.

B. I. *Akbar and the consolidation of the Mughal Empire*

Political expansion ; administrative reorganization ; relations with the Rajputs -- Expansion of Mughal control over Bengal and Decan ---Land Revenue and Manasabdari system---Evolution of religious policy.

II. *Politics and administration in Post-Akbar India*

Expanding frontiers of the Empire --consolidation of the Mughale ruling

class; reorganization in the Mansab system .

III. Economy, Society & Culture: Commercial expansion : religious syncretism; art & architecture.

C. *Aurangzab and the zenith of the Empire*

Political expansionism: Deccan--Rise of Shivaji , Mughal-Maratha contest and the eventual incorporation of the Marathas within the imperial framework -Rajput Policy- State and religion : changes since the death of Akbar.

D. *Break up of the Mughal Empire*

Causes thereof -- Growth of regional entities and the relation between the centre and the periphery ---Trade, Commerce and the rise of the European trading companies-- Eventual success of the English East India Company.

E. *Early stages of the rise of the E.I. Company*

Plassey, Buxar and the Diwani---Structural reorganization in the administration- Regulating and Pitts India Acts ---Company's relations with Indian states and its emergence as the dominant power ; Marathas, Mysore and Sikhs - Subsidiary Alliance and the enunciation of a new Principle of expansion-The course of British annexationism in early 19th century: subjugation of the Marathas.

F. *The Colonial Economy*

I. Basic features -Land revenue settlements : Bengal, North India, South and West --- long term colonial impact on agriculture---changing forms of early colonial impact on trade and commerce : From monopoly to Free trade.

II. *Drain of Wealth* -- Deindustrialization --India's international trade in the second half of the nineteenth century -limited development of modern industries upto 1914- changes after 1914.

G. *Early Resistance to Colonial Rule :*

Different forms of resistance ---rural resistance --resistance by landlords and peasants ; Poligar uprising (Madras); Paik rebellion (Orissa) and peasant uprisings in Western Bengal ---Peasant movement and religion: Wahabi and Farazi --- Santal Rebellion (1855)---The Revolt of 1857 :The social context ; the political context (popular and aristocratic resentment about British Imperial Policies.)

H. Reformism and Westernisation

British Orientalism :Bentinck,Macaulay,Western Education and social Reform.The India Response:Rammohan and Social reform ;The Young Bengal–The Brahmo Movement –Vidyasagar and social and educational reform;Reformist initiatives in western and southern India,–Prarthana Samaj;Reform form within tradition –Arya Samaj;Aligarh Movement and modernisation of Islam in India;Westernisation and India social conservatism:The Age of Consent Agitation.

I.Indian Politics :1858--1885

Provincial associations :Bengal,Madras,Bombay –Background to the emergence of the Indian National Congress --The Foudation of the congress --the nature of the early congress.

J.Indian Politics: 1885–1914

Congressunder Moderate leadership –Hindu Revivalism–militant nationalism –ideology and Programme of militant nationalists–Swadeshi Movement :Its varried dimensions –The birth of All India Muslim League and Seperate electorate--Revolutionary terrorism in Bengal and the punjab.

- (A) 3Questions fromA,B&C(one from each Section)
- (B) 2Questions from D&E(one from each Section)
- (C) 2Questions from F,G&H(at least one from each group)
- (D) 2Questions from I&J(at least one from each group)

MODERN EUROPE (1789–1939)

Paper III:

Full Marks–100

A. Foundation of Modern Europe (1789–1814)

- 1.Background –Renaissance and Refomation –Geographical Discoveries--Scientific Revolution –Avent of Capitalism.
- 2.The French Revolution --Socio–Economic Background ----Progress of the revolution---Popular Movements ---Jacobins and Girondins.
- 3.Rise of Napoleon ---Internal Reconstrution Napoleon and Europe---Napoleon and Revolution.

B.Political Developments in Europe from 1815–1870

1. Triumph of conservatism---The Metternich System.
2. Nationalism,Liberalism and the Revolutions of 1830 and 1848.
3. Stages of Italian unification.
4. Unification and consolidation of Germany.
5. Russia:Attempts at Refoms by Alexander–II.

C.Society and Economy in Nineteenth Century Europe

1. Industrial Advances in England and the continent.
2. Labour Movements.
3. Utopian Socialism and Marxism.
4. Art and Culture,Literatures and Science.

D. Modern Imperialism 1871–1914

1. Europe in 1871---New Balance of Power.
 2. Scramble for colonies in Asia and Africa.
 3. The Eastern Question in later Nineteenth Centuriy.
 4. Triple Alliance, Triple Entente and the emergence of two armed camps.
- E. First World War (1914–1919)
1. Origins of the first World War --Issues and Stakes.
 2. Russian Revolution of 1917.
 3. Peace Settlement of 1919---Its long term consequences--Birth of German Republic.

F. Europe in the Inter -War Period (1919–1939)

1. Consolidation of economic and political power of the Soviet State.
 2. Rise of Fascism in Italy.
 3. Nazism and Germany ---Nazi State ---the aggressive foreign policy.
 4. Outbreak of the Second World War ---Different Interpretations.
- (A) 4 Questions from Section A&B(2 from each Section)
- (B) 4Questions from Section C&D (2 from each Section)
- (C) 1Questions from Section E
- (D) 1Questions from Section F

PART-II (Full Marks–100)

Paper IV

Full Marks–100

India and the world 1914–1964:Selected Themes

1. Impact of the first World War on India economy,society and polity;Emergence of Gandhi in Indian nationalist politics;Concept of Satyagraha';Champaran,Kheda Ahmedabad&Rowlatt Satyagrahas.
- 2.Gandhian Mass Movements--Khilafat --Non Coopertion &Civil Disobedience Movements;Revolutionary Nationalism during the 1930s;The Government of India Act of 1935;1937 elections and formation of Congress provincial ministeries;Quit India Movement of 1942.
3. Subhas Chandra Bose,the Indian National Army and India Freedom Movement.
4. Demand for the creation of Pakistan and its repercussions on Indian politics and society;Communal polities in India.
5. Post war upsurge and different strands of protest politics; partition&the Transfer of power,Adoption of a republication constitutionin 1950.
6. The Nehru era in independent India ---Development of parliamentary democracy --Economic planning --Movements for social justice---India and Non-aligned Movement.
- 7.Emergence of bipolarism and its impact on post -1945 world politics -The Rise of the Thrid World ;Impact of the Cold War on the Third World.

Question:

7 Questions from Sections 1–5.

4 Questions from Sections 6 and 7.

1 Set of objective questions covering the whole syllabus.

Recommended books :

1. Sumit Sarkar : Modern India
2. Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, K.N. Panikar and Sucheta Mahajan : India's Struggle for Independence (Bengali translation available)
- 4.
5. Judith Brown : Gandhi's Rise to Power
6. Leonard Gordon : Brothers Against the Raj
7. Mushirul Hasan (ed) : India's Partition
8. Paul Brass : The Politics of India Since Independence
9. S. Gopal : Jawaharlal Nehru : A Biography (Vols. 1–3)
- Narahari Kaviraj : Gandhi Nehru through Marxist Eyes
- P. Calvocoressi : World Politics since 1945
- : Contemporary World History [NCERT]