

2017
HISTORY

Full marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

General instructions:

i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*

ii) *The question paper consists of 32 questions.*

iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

Answer to questions carrying 1 mark should not exceed one sentence.

Answer to questions carrying 2 marks should not exceed 50 words.

Answer to questions carrying 4 marks should not exceed 100 words.

Answer to questions carrying 6 marks should not exceed 200 words.

Answer to questions carrying 8 marks should not exceed 300 words.

N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.

1. In which city of Harappan Civilization was the Great Granary excavated? 1
2. Name the greatest ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire. 1
3. Who deciphered the Brahmi and Kharosthi scripts? 1
4. Who wrote Mahabharata? 1
5. What do the stupas contain? 1
6. Who presented the celebrated diamond 'Koh-i-noor' to Shah Jahan? 1
7. Who started the Bhakti movement in Punjab? 1
8. Name the book about India written by Al-Biruni. 1
9. Who led the rebels at Jhansi in the revolt of 1857? 1
10. Which hill station was the summer capital of India during the British rule? 1
11. What are saddle querns? 2
12. Name any two Mahajanapadas. 2
13. Give any two causes for the partition of India. 2
14. Mention any two impacts of Jainism on the Indians. 2

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| 15. | Why did the British Government establish cantonments? | 2 |
| 16. | Mention any two social customs of the Indians described by Ibn Battuta during the time of Muhammad Bin Tughlaq. | 2 |
| 17. | Describe briefly the system of assessment of land revenue during the reign of Akbar. | 4 |
| 18. | Describe any four features of Permanent Settlement of Bengal. | 4 |
| 19. | Describe Krishnadera Raja's policy of expansion and consolidation. | 4 |
| 20. | Describe the function of the Drafting Committee in the framing of the Indian constitution. | 4 |
| 21. | Give four arguments in favour of the authenticity of the Mahabharata. | 4 |

Answer **any three** from questions 22 - 26

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| 22. | Why did Mahatma Gandhi start the Civil Disobedience Movement? Briefly describe his Dandi March. | 2+4=6 |
| 23. | The Revolt of 1857 is called the 'First War of Indian Independence'. Discuss. | 6 |
| 24. | Discuss the various causes of poverty and indebtedness of the peasants. | 6 |
| 25. | Critically examine the history of intrigues and conflicts in the Mughal court. What were the effects on the fortunes of the Mughal Empire? | 3+3=6 |
| 26. | Describe the salient features of the Bhakti Movement. | 6 |

Answer **any three** from questions 27 - 31

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| 27. | Why did the British leave India? | 8 |
| 28. | Describe the causes of decay and disappearance of the Harappan Civilization. What is the legacy of this civilization? | 6+2=8 |
| 29. | Examine the basic values of the Indian constitution. | 8 |
| 30. | What are inscriptions? How do inscription opens the doors of history? | 2+6=8 |
| 31. | Describe the life and teachings of Vardhana Mahavira. | 8 |

32. On the map given below, 6 (six) places have been numbered as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Name these numbered places which represent the following: **6x1=6**

INDIA



- (a) Deccan riot of 1875
- (b) Dockyard of Harappa
- (c) Congress session of 1926
- (d) Place where Mahatma Gandhi broke the salt law
- (e) Chauri Chaura incident
- (f) Birth place of Mahavira
