Class 12 18-9-2023

# MID TERM EXAMINATION - HISTORY

Time: 3 hrs. Max. Marks: 80

## **General Instructions:**

- Question paper comprises five Sections A, B, C, D and E. There are 34 questions i) in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- Section A Question 1 to 21 are MCQs of 1 mark each. ii)
- Section B Question no. 22 to 27 are Short Answer Type Questions, iii)
- carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60-80 words. Section C - Question no 28 to 30 are Long Answer Type Questions, carrying 8 marks iv) each. Answer to each question should not exceed 300-350 words.
- **Section D** Question no.31 to 33 are Source based questions with three sub questions v) and are of 4 marks each.
- Section-E Question no. 34 is Map based, carrying 5 marks that includes the vi) identification and location of significant test items. Attach the map with the answer book.
- There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been vii) provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.
- In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, viii) wherever necessary.

#### $(1 \times 21 = 21 \text{ marks})$ SECTION – A : OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

- 1. Which one of the following aspects describes the meaning of 'Tirthankaras' in Jainism?
  - Supreme Being who is the incarnation of God. Α.
  - Those who guide men and women across the river of existence. B.
  - C. Those who follow the path of Vedanta asceticism.
  - D. Those who know the ultimate truth and dharma.
- 2. With reference to Harappan Civilization, match column A with column B, by using the codes given below:

Column A	Column B
a. Models of plough	i. Chanhudrao
b. Ploughed field	ii. Harappan sites
c. Gold jewellery	iii. Cholistan and Banawali
d. Craft Production	iv. Kalibangan (Rajasthan)

**Options:** 

Α.

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- A. (i) (ii) (iv) (iii)
- Β. (ii) (i) (iii) (iv) C.
- (iii) (iv) (ii) (i) D. (iv) (i) (iii) (ii)
- 3. Who among the following was the composer of 'Prayaga Prashasti'?
  - Kalidasa Β. Kalhana
- Harisena C.

Banabhatta

D.

- Identify the picture from the given option: 4.
  - A. A sculpture in Mahabalipuram
  - Β. A part of Northern Gateway
  - C. A temple in Deogarh
  - D. Kailashnath Temple, Ellora



#### 5. Fill in the blank.

Megasthenes mentions committee with six sub committees of military, of which the fifth look after Horses

- A. Chariots B. Foot-Soldiers C. Transport D.
- Which of the following statements about Mahajanpadas are correct? 6.
  - I. Mahajanapadas were Magadha, Koshala, Gandhara and Avanti only
  - Most Mahajanpadas were ruled by kings. II.
  - Some, known as ganas or sanghas, were oligarchies ruled under rajas. III.
  - IV. Each Mahajanpada had a capital city, which was often fortified.
  - Β. II, III, IV Α. I, II & II C.
    - I, III & IV I, II & IV D.

7. Read the following information and identify the practitioners of a sub-discipline of Archaeology.

They are the specialists in ancient animal remains. They tried to study and understand the Harappans subsistence strategies through animal bones and found at Harappan sites and indicated that Harappan domesticated few animals.

Α.	Archaeo- Botanist	В.	Archaeo- Zoologist
C.	Geo-Archaeologists	D.	Anthropologists

8. Two statements are given in the question below as Assertion (A) and Reasoning(R). Read the statement and choose the appropriate option.

Assertion (A): Historians examines stories contained in anthologies such as Jatakas and Panchatantra.

Many of these stories probably originated as popular oral tales. Reason (R):

- Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. Α.
- Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. Β.
- A is true but R is false. C.
- A is false but R is true. D.

Which one of the following statements is the correct explanation of "Endogamy"? 9.

Marriage outside the kin group Marriage within the kin group Α. Β. A man having several wives

D.

A women having several husbands C.

10. Consider the following statements and select the correct from the following options:

- Francois Bernier was closely associated with the Prince Dara Shukoh. I.
- Bernier never compared India and Europe. II.
- He dedicated his major writing to the king of France XIV. III.

**Options:** 

II & III Β. I & II C. I & III D. I, II & III Α.

11. Why has a stone statue of Indus Valley Civilization been labelled as a priest king? The statue has been shown with elaborate head dresses. I.

There is a shawl draped around the left shoulder of the statue. II.

Archaeologists were familiar with Mesopotamia history and its priest king. III.

IV. Many have found parallels in the Indus region.

Choose the correct option:

Α.	I & II	В.	I, II, III & IV	C.	III & IV	D.	II & III
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Who among the following was the first woman to be ordained as a bhikkhuni? 12.

Α.	Mahapajapati Gotami	В.	Yasodharā
C.	Mahamaya	D.	Dhammananda

13. Who among the following Gurus of Sikhs compiled Shree Guru Adi Granth Sahib?

- Guru Teg Bahadur Guru Arjan Dev Β. Α. Guru Nanak Dev C. D. Guru Gobind Singh

14. Who has written the short story of 'Kunti O Nishadi'? Mahashweta Devi B. Α.

- Avantiputta Hansh Mehta B. B. Lal C. D
- 15. The twelfth century witnessed the emergence of a new movement as Virashaiva tradition. This continues to be an important community in the region to date. Our understanding of this tradition is derived from vachanas composed by women and men who joined the movement. Which of the following statement is correct about this tradition?
  - It emerged in Kerala. Β. It was led by a Basavanna. Α.
    - C. Their followers were known Nayanars.
  - D. They supported the idea of caste and theory of rebirth.
- Identify the character of Mahabharata with the help of the following information. 16.
  - Belonged to the Rakshasa clan
  - Married with Bheema
  - Mother of Ghatotkacha
  - Hidimba B. Subhadra C. A. Draupadi D. Gandhari
- 17. Which of the following options is the most probable explanation for the incorporation of the 'Shailabhanjika' Motif in the Sanchi Stupa?
  - Α. Mahaparinibbana C. Auspicious symbol

- B. Strength & wisdom D.
  - Religious idol

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18.	Name the two plant produce of India, which Ibn Battuta found very interesting?A.Mangoes and PapayaB.Coconut and betel leafC.Neem and MaizeD.None of the above.
19.	Cholas built magnificent temples in the 13th centuryA.To gain support of massesB.To assert their powerC.To claim divine powerD.All of the above.
20.	Draupadi's marriage with the Pandavas is an example of which form of marriage? A. Polyandry B. Polygamy C. Monogamy D. Hypogamy
21.	Who was the best Portuguese writer who wrote a detailed account of trade and society in South India? A. Manucci B. Jean Baptiste C. Jesuit Roberto Nobili D. Duarte Barbosa
	<b>SECTION – B : SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS</b> (3 x 6 = 18 marks)
22.	Describe the three barriers which Al-Biruni thought were obstructing his task?
	(OR) Explain Al – Biruni's description of the caste system in India.
23.	Describe strategies to increase agricultural production in 6th century BCE to 6th century CE.
24.	Critically examine the duties as Laid down in Manusmriti for the chandalas.
25.	Why were the Europeans during the 19th century interested in the Stupa? Give reasons.
26.	What evidences have been put forward to explain the collapse of Harappan civilisation?
27.	Mention the two earliest Bhakti movements of Tamil Nadu, giving the main difference between them. Name the two women Poet saints. (OR)
	Who initiated Kabir into Bhakti? Explain his concept of ultimate reality.
	<b>SECTION – C : LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS</b> (3 x 8 = 24 marks)
28.	Examine why Sanchi survived while Amravati did not. (OR) Trace out the growth of Buddhism. Explain the main teachings of Buddha.
29.	Explain the town planning of Harappa.
23.	(OR)
	Describe the contribution of various Archaeologists from 1875 to 1950 in discovering Harappan Civilization.
30.	Explain the four sources to reconstruct the history of Maurya. Explain the system of Mauryan Administration.
	(OR) Explain the system of land grants and trade routes from C. 600 BCE to 600 CE.
	SECTION – D : SOURCE BASED QUESTIONS (3 x 4 = 12 marks)
31.	Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:
	The child sati
	This is perhaps one of the most poignant descriptions by Bernier: At Lahore I saw a most beautiful young widow sacrificed, who could not, I think, have been more than twelve years of age. The poor



- 31.1 Describe the feelings of Bernier that he expressed in the passage.
- 31.2 How has Bernier described the practice of Sati?
- 31.3 Explain how Bernier has highlighted the treatment of women as crucial marker difference between eastern and western societies?

(1) (2)

(1)

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32. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:



- 32.1 What is Gotra ? Name any one Vedic seers mentioned in the source as gotra? (1)
- 32.2 What does the title of the king tell/indicate about his lineage and Gotra? (2)
- 32.3 To which dynasty these kings belonged to? In which region was their empire? (1)
- 33. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

AU.	Reverence for the Jogi
Here is an e a Jogi in 16	excerpt from a letter written by Aurangzeb to 61-62:
The posse Anand Na	ssor of the sublime station, Shiv Murat, Guru ath Jio!
	Reverence remain in peace and happiness er the protection of Sri Shiv Jio!
five ruped reach (Yo	e of cloth for the cloak and a sum of twenty es which have been sent as an offering will ur Reverence) Your Reverence may write enever there is any service which can be by us.

- Who is the deity the saint or Jogi worships? How do you know it? (1)How did these universal practices accommodate regional influences in India?
- Give two examples. (2)
- 33.3 Explain briefly any four principles of Islam.

# SECTION – E: MAP QUESTIONS (5 marks)

- 34. On the given political map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols:
  - a) Ujjayini : A Mahajanapada
  - b) Dholavira- A mature Harappan site
  - c) Mathura A city which was the centre for economic, cultural and political activity.

On the same political outline map of India, two places are which are major Buddhist sites have been marked as A and B. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them.

-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-