

CLASS 12TH HISTORY PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

(MAIN AND SUPPLEMENTARY - 2022 TO 2025)

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2022 MAIN EXAM

Section A (Short Answer Type Questions)

1. How has the art helped in keeping alive the memory of Rani of Jhansi ? Explain.
 2. (a) Explain the reasons of initiating the Non-Cooperation Movement by Gandhiji. **OR** (b) Explain the reasons that led to the Civil Disobedience Movement of 1930.
 3. Examine the role of Gobind Ballabh Pant on the Unified Nation in the Constituent Assembly.
 4. Why did British introduce the Permanent Settlement in Bengal? Explain.
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Section B (Long Answer Type Questions)

5. Explain the stages of conquest of Awadh by the British from 1801 onwards.
6. (a) "In the Constituent Assembly, issues over 'national language' were intensely debated." Explain the statement with examples. **OR** (b) "Issues of 'division of power of the government' at the Centre and State level were intensely debated in the Constituent Assembly." Explain the statement with examples.
7. (a) Who was Abul Fazal? Why is Akbarnama considered as his one of the important contributions? Explain. **OR**
(b) Why were the imperial officers in the Mughal Empire described by the court historians as a 'bouquet of flowers'? Explain.

2022 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

Section A (Short-Answer Type Questions)

1. "Gandhiji appeared to Indian peasants as a saviour." Support the statement.
2. (a) Critically analyse the 'Subsidiary Alliance System' devised by Lord Wellesley. **OR** (b) Examine how the rebels of 1857 propagated their ideas.

3. Why did the 'Fifth Report' become the basis of intense Parliamentary debates in Britain in 1813? Explain.

4. Describe the role of Jawaharlal Nehru in the Constituent Assembly of India.

Section B (Long-Answer Type Questions)

5. "The British did not have an easy time in putting down the Revolt of 1857." Elucidate the statement with suitable examples.

6. (a) "There are different kinds of sources that historians use in reconstructing the career of Mahatma Gandhi and of the social movements that he associated with." Elucidate the statement with suitable examples. OR (b) "The Non-Cooperation Movement was a training for self-rule." Elucidate the statement with suitable examples.

7. (a) Describe the main features of the Mughal provincial administration. OR (b) Describe the main features of the Mughal imperial household.

2023 MAIN EXAM

Section B (Short-Answer Type Questions)

22. (a) Explain how the drainage system of Harappan cities indicate town planning. OR (b) Explain why the seals and sealings were used by the Harappans.

23. How is Mahabharata a dynamic text? Explain with examples.

24. Explain the role of women devotees in the traditions of Alvars and Nayanars.

25. (a) How did the Chishtis adopt the local languages of India during the Medieval period? Explain. OR (b) Explain the distinctive features of Al-Biruni's Kitab-UI-Hind.

26. How did the American Civil War of 1861 affect the lives of Ryots of India? Explain.

27. "Art and literature highlighted the importance of Lakshmi Bai." Support the statement with suitable examples.

Section C (Long-Answer Type Questions)

28. (a) "The Stupa at Sanchi is among the best preserved monuments of the earliest times." Explain the statement. OR (b) Explain the growth of Puranic Hinduism.

29. (a) Explain the reasons of apogee and fall of the Vijayanagara Empire. **OR** (b) Explain the distinctive features of the Royal Centre of Vijayanagara Empire.

30. (a) Examine the reasons and outcomes of the Salt Satyagraha. **OR** (b) Examine the causes and events of Quit India Movement.

2023 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

Section B (Short-Answer Type Questions)

22. Who was James Prinsep? Mention his contribution to the ancient Indian history?

23. (a) Examine the uniqueness of the fortification of the Vijayanagar empire. **OR** (b) Analyse the contribution of Colin Mackenzie towards the history of Vijayanagar.

24. Who introduced Subsidiary Alliance? Describe the provisions of this Alliance.

25. (a) Why were some members of the Constituent Assembly in favour of a strong Central Government? Explain. **OR** (b) Why is 'Objectives Resolution' of Jawahar Lal Nehru considered as a momentous resolution? Explain.

26. Examine the views of Chinese travellers on the people considered outside the Varna system in ancient India.

27. "One of the most striking features of Bhakti tradition was the presence of women." Explain the statement with examples from Alvar and Nayanar traditions.

Section C (Long-Answer Type Questions)

28. (a) Explain the teachings of Mahatma Buddha. **OR** (b) Explain the growth of Puranic Hinduism in ancient India.

29. (a) Explain the social and economic privileges that the Zamindars got in the Mughal rural society. **OR** (b) "The rural society of Mughal India was controlled by panchayat with the help of village headman." Explain the statement.

30. (a) Analyse the strengths and limitations of the following sources to reconstruct the political career of Mahatma Gandhi: (i) Writing and Speeches (ii) Autobiographies (iii) Government Records (iv) Newspapers **OR** (b) "Mahatma Gandhi converted the National Movement into a Mass Movement." Evaluate this statement in the context of 'Quit India Movement'.

2024 MAIN EXAM

Section B (Short-Answer Type Questions)

22. (a) "Mahabharata is a dynamic text." Justify the statement. **OR** (b) Analyse the role of scholars in the task of preparing the critical edition of the Mahabharata.
23. Explain any three sources to know about the Mauryan empire.
24. Explain the water resource management of Vijayanagara empire with examples.
25. "Revenue from the land was the economic mainstay of the Mughal empire." Support the statement with examples.
26. (a) Why was the Revolt of 1857 specially widespread in Awadh ? Explain. **OR** (b) Why did the rebel proclamations in 1857 appeal for unity to all sections of the population? Explain.
27. Explain the causes that led to the conflict between the Paharias of Rajmahal Hills and the Santhals.
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Section C (Long-Answer Type Questions)

28. (a) "The most unique feature of the Harappan civilization was the development of urban centres." Explain. **OR** (b) Explain the role of various archaeologists in the discovery of Harappa.
29. (a) Describe the contribution of Kabir to the Bhakti Movement and his impact on religious and social harmony. **OR** (b) Describe the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji emphasizing his philosophy of oneness.
30. (a) "There are many different kinds of sources from which we can reconstruct the political career of Gandhiji and the history of the Indian nationalist movement." Examine the statement. **OR** (b) Examine the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi towards nation building after the independence of India.

2024 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

Section B (Short-Answer Type Questions)

22. (a) Describe any three features of the Mahajanapadas. **OR** (b) Describe any three causes of the growth of Magadha as a powerful Mahajanapada.
23. Describe the teachings of Buddhism.
24. Examine the features of Vitthala Temple of Vijayanagara empire.
25. (a) Analyse the growth of the Mughal Empire in managing their economic resources. **OR** (b) Analyse the role of women as a resource in the agrarian society of the Mughal Empire.

26. "Mahatma Gandhi's role was vital in the Non-Cooperation Movement." Explain the statement.

27. Explain any three aspects of the vision of unity reflected in the 1857 Revolt.

Section C (Long-Answer Type Questions)

28. (a) "There is evidence that by c. 1800 BCE most of the Harappan sites had been abandoned." Substantiate the statement in the context of causes and evidences. **OR** (b) "There are indications of complex decisions being taken and implemented in Harappan society." Substantiate the statement with suitable arguments.

29. (a) "Travellers often compared what they saw in the subcontinent with practices with which they were familiar." Explain the observations of Al-Biruni in context of the above statement. **OR** (b) "Ibn Battuta found cities in the subcontinent full of exciting opportunities for those who had the necessary drive, resources and skills." Explain this statement.

30. (a) Examine the different aspects of 'Ryotwari system' introduced in the Bombay Deccan by the British. **OR** (b) Examine the different aspects of the 'Permanent Settlement' introduced in Bengal by the British.

2025 MAIN EXAM

Section B (Short Answer type Questions)

22. (a) "Ashokan inscriptions are the most significant sources to understand the administration of Ashoka." Explain the statement. **OR** (b) "The history of Mauryan empire has been constructed on the variety of sources." Explain the statement.

23. "The mid-first millennium BCE is considered as a significant turning point in the course of World History." Justify the statement.

24. (a) Analyse the causes that led to the ruin of Vijayanagara empire. **OR** (b) Analyse why was Amaranayaka system considered as a major political innovation of the Vijayanagara empire.

25. Examine the role of Panchayat in advocating for the rights of common people during the Mughal era.

26. "The rebellion of 1857 was seen as a war in which both Hindus and Muslims had equally to lose or gain." Analyse the statement.

27. Describe the role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly.

Section C (Long Answer type Questions)

28. (a) "There were specific features of the familial relationship during the Mahabharata period." Explain the statement with examples. **OR** (b) "The political power or kingship was rarely dependent on birth as Kshatriyas but also open to anyone who could muster support and resources." Explain the statement with the examples from sixth century BCE onwards.
29. (a) Explain the main beliefs and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev. **OR** (b) Explain the major beliefs and teachings of Chishtis during medieval India.
30. (a) Analyse the impact of national movement in India from 1915 to 1931 on the Indian masses. **OR** (b) Analyse the role of Gandhiji after independence of India.

2025 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

SECTION B

(Short-Answer Type Questions)

22. (a) "Historians considered the Harappan seals as the distinctive artifact." Examine the statement. **OR** (b) "The Harappans were known for their advanced urban planning." Justify the statement with suitable arguments.
23. Assess the significance of the Mahabharata as a source for understanding ancient Indian society.
24. "The Chola rulers extended their support to the Bhakti Movement and the Brahmanical traditions." Explain the statement.
25. (a) Explain how association with the state transformed the lives of the forest dwellers during the Mughal rule. **OR** (b) Explain the role of Panchayats in the Mughal empire.
26. Why did the Zamindars default on the payment of dues after the introduction of the Permanent Settlement ? Explain.
27. Imagine you have been tasked with writing a comprehensive history of the Revolt of 1857. What sources would you use for it? Explain.

SECTION C

(Long-Answer Type Questions)

28. (a) How did the stupa come to be associated with Buddhist belief and practices? Explain the structural features of Sanchi Stupa with examples. **OR** (b) "Buddhist and non-Buddhist elements come together to create a spectacle at Sanchi." Explain the statement with examples.

29. (a) Describe the significance of the Vijayanagara Empire in Indian history. **OR** (b) Describe the religious architectural traditions of the Vijayanagara Empire.

30. (a) "The Non-Cooperation Movement was significant in Gandhian nationalism." Justify the statement. **OR** (b) "Gandhiji came to be viewed as a 'people's leader' with deep sympathy for the poor." Examine the statement