



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2020

HISTORY

PAPER-I

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions within 750 words each

15×2 = 30

1. Explain the impact of geographical factors on the evolution of Indian history with special reference to the development of the major trade routes of communication in ancient India. 15
2. Determine the antiquity and extent of the Harappan civilization. 15
3. Discuss the material and social background behind the rise of Buddhism and Jainism in the 6th century B.C. 15
4. Discuss the achievements of Chandragupta Maurya as an empire builder. 15
5. Bring out the salient features of the Gupta administrative system. 15
6. Trace the evolution of caste system in ancient India. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question within 350 words

10×1 = 10

7. Discuss the importance of numismatic sources for the study of ancient Indian history. 10
8. What was the position of King in Rig Vedic period? 10
9. Do you think that Skanda Gupta may be called the 'Saviour of India'? 10
10. Write an account on Sangam literature. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions within 100 words each

5×2 = 10

11. Define pre-history and proto-history. 5
12. Write a short note on Harappan Script. 5
13. Write a short note on the 'Varna system'. 5
14. Give a short description of the 'Shodasa Mahajanapadas'. 5
15. What is the historical significance of the Allahabad Prasasti? 5
16. Write a brief note on Rudradaman. 5
17. Write a short note on 'Nalanda University'. 5
18. Who was Pushyamitra Sunga? Was he really persecutor of Buddhism? 5

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1. Examine the tripartite struggle for political control that took place between the Palas, Pratiharas and Rashtrakutas in North India. 15
2. Examine the chief features of Chola administrative system with special reference to local self-Government. 15
3. Attempt a critical appreciation of the art and architecture of the Pallavas. 15
4. Trace the origin and development of Bhakti movement in the Turko-Afghan period. What were its impacts on the society? 10+5
5. Critically analyse the various experiments of Muhammad bin Tughluq. 15
6. Examine the society and economy of the Vijayanagar Kingdom. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question within 350 words

10×1 = 10

7. Write a short note on the effects of Arab invasion in the history of India. 10
8. What were the characteristics of Kaivarta Revolt? 10
9. Give reasons for the failure of Raziya as a sovereign ruler. 10
10. How did Balban restore the prestige of the crown? 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions within 100 words each

5×2 = 10

11. What do you mean by the term 'Matsyanyaya'? How did it come to an end? 3+2
12. Write a short note on Amir Khusrau. 5
13. Write a short note about the significance about the Second battle of Tarain. 5
14. Who was Chaitanya? 5
15. Who were the Mongols? 5
16. Write a short note on Malik Kafur. 5
17. Describe the significance of first battle of Panipat. 5
18. What do you mean by Qabuliyat and Patta introduced by Sher Shah? 5

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PAPER-III

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any *one* question within 750 words

20×1 = 20

1. Give an analytical view of the writings of Abul Fazl and Badauni. Do you think that Abul Fazl and Badauni were different in their approaches? 15+5 = 20
2. Was Akbar's religious policy primarily determined by political compulsions? How do you characterise Din-i-Ilahi? 12+8 = 20
3. What are the contributions of the Mughals in the field of architecture? Is it proper to say that there was no specific Mughal style of architecture? 15+5 = 20
4. Mention the growth of parties and politics in the Mughal Court between 1707 and 1740. How did it affect the empire? 14+6 = 20
5. Was Shivaji guided by an ideology in his attempt to build a regional state? 20
6. Write an essay on Sufism during the period of your study. 20

CATEGORY-II

Attempt any *two* questions within 350 words each

10×2 = 20

7. Write in brief on the Central-Asian policy of Shahjahan. 10
8. Write a short essay on the Imperial Karkhanas during the Mughal period. 10
9. Write a short essay on the peasants revolts in Mughal India. 10
10. Write a note on forests in Mughal India. 10

CATEGORY-III

Attempt any *two* questions within 100 words each

5×2 = 10

11. Write a short note on Bernier. 5
12. Write a note on 'Humayun Nama'. 5
13. Who was called 'Zinda Pir' and why? 5
14. What do you mean by the term 'Estado-da-India'? 5
15. Write a note on 'Nurjahan Junta'. 5
16. Write a short note about the significance of Alivardi's rule in Bengal. 5
17. Write a short note on Guru Nanak. 5
18. Do you consider the 18th century as the 'Dark Age' in Indian History? 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any one question within 750 words

20×1 = 20

1. What led to the introduction of the Permanent Land Revenue Settlement in Bengal? How did it affect the agrarian society of Bengal? 12+8 = 20
2. Analyse in the context of Anglo-Mysore relations, the reasons of Hydar Ali's success and Tipu Sultan's failure. 20
3. Analyse the genesis of the Indian National Congress with particular reference to the role of A. O. Hume. 20
4. Explain how the Anti-Partition Movement led to the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal. How did it contribute to the growth of extremism in Indian politics? 15+5 = 20
5. Discuss the genesis and character of the Quit India Movement with special reference to North Bengal. Do you find any non-violence creed in this movement? 15+5 = 20
6. Assess the contributions of Subhas Chandra Bose and INA towards the achievement of India's independence. 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any two questions within 350 words each

10×2 = 20

7. Write in brief the subaltern approach for the understanding of modern Indian nationalism. 10
8. How did the English East India Company obtain the Diwani? What were its political and economic implications? 4+6

9. Was the Wahabi Movement wholly religious in character? Give reasons for your answer. 5+5
10. Write a short note on Gandhi's concept of 'Hind Swaraj' and 'Trusteeship'. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any two questions within 100 words each 5×2 = 10

11. Do you consider the Black Hole Tragedy as a Myth? 5
12. What were the provisions of the Treaty of Amritsar? How did it shatter the political dream of Ranjit Singh? 3+2 = 5
13. Define Subsidiary Alliance. Which state in India accepted it first? 3+2 = 5
14. Write a brief note on Chuar Rebellion. 5
15. Was Vidyasagar a traditional moderniser? 5
16. Discuss in brief the response of the Indian to Rowlatt Act. 5
17. What is Cabinet Mission Plan? 5
18. Write a short note on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the integration of Indian Princely States. 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions

15×2 = 30

1. Discuss the impact of Renaissance on the Art and Literature. 8+7 = 15
2. Evaluate the role of Martin Luther in the Reformation Movement in Europe. 15
3. How was Spain united under Ferdinand and Isabella? What was its impact on contemporary European politics? 10+5 = 15
4. What were the causes of 'Price Revolution' of the 16th century? How did it affect the economic life of Western Europe? 10+ 5 = 15
5. What do you mean by the term 'Scientific Revolution'? How did it originate in the 16th century? 10+5 = 15
6. Discuss the debates on transition from feudalism to capitalism. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question

10×1 = 10

7. Critically analyze the impact of the Reformation Movement in Europe. 10
8. Write a short note on Portugal voyages of exploration. 10
9. Write a short note on banking system in early modern Europe. 10
10. Sketch the development of cartography from the 12th century to the 17th century. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions

5×2 = 10

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| 11. | What is meant by manorialism? | 5 |
| 12. | What is counter reformation? | 5 |
| 13. | Write a note on Flemish Paintings. | 5 |
| 14. | Write a short note on Ptolemy. | 5 |
| 15. | Define Atlantic economy. | 5 |
| 16. | Write a note on 'Edict of Nantes'. | 5 |
| 17. | Write a short note on Eleven Year's Tyranny. | 5 |
| 18. | What is the significance of the Glorious Revolution? | 5 |

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions

15×2 = 30

1. Describe the Reign of Terror in France. Was it necessary? 15
2. Define Metternich system. Why did it ultimately fail? 8+7 = 15
3. What do you understand by the term 'Industrial Revolution'? Discuss critically different causes of initial backwardness of industrial process in France, Germany and Russia. 5+10 = 15
4. How did Bismarck maintain relation with the European powers from 1871-1890? How far was he successful? 10+5 = 15
5. Define imperialism. How far did imperialism play a vital role in bringing about the first World War? 5+10 = 15
6. Critically examine the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles. Do you think that the Treaty was a harsh dictated peace? 10+5 = 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question

10×1 = 10

7. What led to the fall of Bastille? What was its significance?
8. Can you justify the statement that Napoleon was the child of Revolution?
9. Explain the provision of Wilson's Fourteen Points.
10. Write a note on Munich Pact.

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions

5×2 = 10

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| 11. | Who was Montesquieu? What were his basic ideas? | 5 |
| 12. | What was the Tennis Court Oath? Was it revolutionary? | 5 |
| 13. | Who was the sick man of Europe? Why was it so-called? | 5 |
| 14. | How did Zollverein contribute to German Unity? | 5 |
| 15. | Define the term Eastern Questions. | 5 |
| 16. | Briefly state the context and importance of the 'Ems Telegram'. | 5 |
| 17. | What was the Kellogg-Briand Pact? | 5 |
| 18. | Mention two causes for the failure of the League of Nations. | 5 |

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions

15×2 = 30

1. “The Treaty of Nanking marked the beginning of the opening of China but the actual beginning was affected by the treaties of Tientsin.” — Explain. 15
2. Discuss the importance of the treaty of Shimonoseki (1895). Why was China defeated in Sino-Japanese war? 8+7 = 15
3. Discuss critically the United States Open Door Policy in China as enunciated by John Hay in Sept-1899 and July-1900. How did it affect China? 8+7 = 15
4. Why is “May Fourth Movement” described as a political, social, literary and Intellectual movement all combined into one? 15
5. Account for the circumstances leading to the Washington Conference (1921-1922). Did it restrain Japanese Imperialism? 15
6. Trace the growth of Japanese imperialism in the Far East. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question

10×1 = 10

7. Discuss the character of the Taiping Rebellion. 10
8. Write a note on the Manchurian crisis. 10
9. Discuss in brief rise of Mao Tse-Tung. 10
10. What were the causes of defeat of Russia in the Russo-Japanese War? 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions

5×2 = 10

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| 11. | Describe the “Lorcha Arrow affair”. | 5 |
| 12. | Write a note on Sun Yat-Sen Principles. | 5 |
| 13. | What is Taoism? | 5 |
| 14. | Define Kuomintang. | 5 |
| 15. | Write a note on Samurai and Daimyo. | 5 |
| 16. | Write a note on the legislature of the Meiji Constitution. | 5 |
| 17. | Write a short note on Tung-Hak incident. | 5 |
| 18. | Write a note on the Nine-Power treaty. | 5 |

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions

15×2 = 30

1. Was the Cold War an ideological conflict or power rivalry? 15
2. Write a critical note on De-Stalinization and its impact on Soviet-Bloc. 15
3. What were the major causes of the conflict in Korea? How far did the UNO influence the outcome of the conflict? 8+7 = 15
4. Write an essay on Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. 15
5. Describe the role of multinational corporations in the economic life of developing countries. 15
6. Write an essay on the origin and evolution of the Oil Politics. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question

10×1 = 10

7. Write a note on Suez Crisis. 10
8. Give a short description on Apartheid. 10
9. Analyze the political and economic significance of globalization. 10
10. Analyze the significance of the Taliban rule in Afghanistan. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any two questions

5×2 = 10

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| 11. | What was the significance of the Yalta Conference? | 5 |
| 12. | What is Titoism? | 5 |
| 13. | Define Warsaw Treaty Organization. | 5 |
| 14. | What is Detente? | 5 |
| 15. | What is Neo-Cold War? | 5 |
| 16. | What is ASEAN? | 5 |
| 17. | Analyze the significance of 9/11 incident. | 5 |
| 18. | What is Privatization? What are its results? | 5 |

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