



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2019

HISTORY

PAPER-I

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

CATEGORY-I

Answer any *three* questions within 750 words each

20×3 = 60

1. Assess the importance of the archaeological sources for the reconstruction of ancient Indian History. 20
2. Discuss the main features of Ashoka's 'Dhamma'. What steps did he take to propagate it? 14+6=20
3. Give an account of the trade and trade routes during the post Mauryan period. 20
4. Who was the most prominent ruler of the Satavahanas? Discuss his achievements as a ruler and a conqueror. 2+18 = 20
5. Examine Samudragupta's relations with different categories of rulers and tribes in context to his policy of expansion. How far was his policy innovative? 20
6. Trace the rise of Kanauj under the stewardship of Harshavardhana. Can he be called the 'Lord of the North'? 14+6 = 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each

10×2 = 20

7. What were the main features of the Harappan town-planning? 10
8. What was the position of women in the Rig-Vedic society? Do you find any change in their position in the later Vedic period? 5+5

9. Discuss the process of consolidation of Magadha under Bimbisara and Ajatasatru. 10
10. What were the main features of Gandhara School of Art? 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each

5×4 = 20

11. What is the historical importance of Kalhana's Rajtarangini? 5
12. What is Radio Carbon Dating? 5
13. Write a note on the role of Sabha and Samiti in the Rig-Vedic Age. 5
14. What do you mean by the Middle path? 5
15. Write a short note on Sanchi Stupa. 5
16. Who was Gondopharnes. 5
17. What is the historical importance of the account of Fa-hien? 5
18. Write a brief note on scientific activities during the Gupta period. 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any three questions within 750 words each

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1. Critically discuss the debates regarding the existence of feudalism in early Medieval India. 20
2. Discuss the socio-economic condition of Bengal during the Pala-Sena period. 20
3. Who is regarded as the real founder of the Delhi Sultanate and why? 2+18
4. Critically analyze the administrative and economic reforms of Alauddin Khilji. 20
5. Trace the origin and development of Sufism in early medieval India. 20
6. Review the administrative policy of Sher Shah with special reference to the influence on the Mughal Emperor Akbar. 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any two questions within 350 words each

10×2=20

7. Give an account of organization of trading guilds in South India during the early medieval period. 10
8. Discuss the benevolent measures of Firoz-Shah-Tughluq. 10

9. Assess the significance of the Hussain Shahi rule in Bengal. 10
10. Write a short note on Mahmud Gawan of the Bahamani Kingdom. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each

5×4=20

11. Write a brief note on Alberuni. 5
12. What was the most significant event of Lakshmana Sena's reign? 5
13. Write a short note on Chengiz Khan. 5
14. Who was Ibn Batuta? 5
15. Write a short note on Harihara II. 5
16. Discuss the main ideas of Kabir. 5
17. Explain the origin and growth of the Urdu Language. 5
18. What was the significance of the Battle of Khanwa? 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any three questions within 750 words each

20×3 = 60

1. Discuss how historians have used court literature as a source for the reconstruction of Mughal Indian History. 20
2. Discuss the foreign policy of Mughals with special reference to 'North-West Frontier' policy. 20
3. Discuss the Rajput policies of Akbar. How did it impact his own religious views? 15+5
4. What are the major agricultural and non-agricultural production in Mughal India? 20
5. Write an analytical essay on Indian Ocean trade during the 17th century. 20
6. Discuss different views and interpretations of historians on the "Eighteen Century". 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any two questions within 350 words each

10×2=20

7. What were the basic features of Mughal visual and performing Art? 10
8. Discuss the significance of Murshid Kuli's Land revenue system. 10
9. Write an essay on the irrigation system of Mughal period. 10
10. Write a note on Bengali literature during 17th and 18th C in India. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each

5×4=20

11. Write short notes on Tujuk-i-Baburi. 5
12. Write short notes on Nadir Sah invasion in India. 5
13. Write short notes on Sufis during Mughal period. 5
14. Discuss briefly paintings under Sahajahan reign. 5
15. What were major Indian Sea-Ports during the 17th century? 5
16. What is 'Sulh-Kul'? 5
17. Write short notes on 'Zat and Sawar'. 5
18. Write short notes on 'Zabti System. 5

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CATEGORY-I

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20×3 = 60

1. Discuss the growth and Development of English power in Bengal in the second half of 18th century. 20
2. Examine the difference between ideas and activities of Orientalism and the Utilitarians in India. 20
3. Trace the process of commercialization of Indian agriculture in the second half of 19th century. What were its consequences? 15+5
4. Discuss the contribution of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in the making of modern India. 20
5. Attempt an analytical review of Renaissance in the 19th century Bengal. 20
6. Discuss the growth and impact of communalism in the first half of 20th century India. 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any two questions within 350 words each

10×2=20

7. Discuss briefly different views of historian on de-industrialisation in India. 10
8. Explain the views of Cambridge School on modern Indian nationalism. 10

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| 9. | Give a pen-picture of the historiography of the 1857 uprising. | 10 |
| 10. | Write a note on Indian National Army. | 10 |

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each

5×4=20

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| 11. | Write a short note on treaty of Salbai. | 5 |
| 12. | Write a short note on doctrine of lapse. | 5 |
| 13. | Analyse the chief feature of Mahalwari settlement. | 5 |
| 14. | Write a brief note on Chuar rebellion. | 5 |
| 15. | Write a short note on the importance of Khilafat Movement. | 5 |
| 16. | Write short note on Dada Bhai Naoroji. | 5 |
| 17. | Write short note on Tebhaga Movement. | 5 |
| 18. | Write short note on Lucknow Pact. | 5 |

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any *three* questions within 750 words each

20×3 = 60

1. What do you mean by Northern Renaissance? Discuss the special features of Northern Renaissance. 6+14
2. Do you think that the second half of the 15th century was the period of inventions and discoveries with new ideas? 20
3. Analyse the chief features of 'Mercantilism'. Discuss its effects on the economy of Western Europe. 20
4. Explain the background of the beginning of the Industrial Revolution first in England. 20
5. Discuss the causes and effects of the American War of Independence. 20
6. What is 17th century crisis? Did it coincide with the first clear breakthrough of the Bourgeois society? 5+15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each

10×2 = 20

7. Why did the city-republics of Renaissance Italy lose their Political Power? 10
8. Write a short note on Anabaptist Movement. 10

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| 9. | Write a note on slave trade and its impact in Europe. | 10 |
| 10. | Assess the historical importance of the treaty of Westphalia. | 10 |

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each 5×4 = 20

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| 11. | Define the term 'Humanism'. | 5 |
| 12. | What is Calvinism? | 5 |
| 13. | Write a short note on Petrarch. | 5 |
| 14. | Write a short note on Copernicus. | 5 |
| 15. | Write a short note on Albuquerque. | 5 |
| 16. | What is 'Price Revolution'? | 5 |
| 17. | Write a brief note on Galileo. | 5 |
| 18. | Write a short note on Black Death. | 5 |

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any *three* questions within 750 words each 20×3 = 60

1. What was the role of intellectuals on the French Revolution of 1789? 20
2. Do you agree that, "if the conquests of Napoleon were ephemeral, his civilian works were built upon granite"? 20
3. Discuss the role of Mazzini and Cavour in the Unification of Italy. Do you notice any difference in their approach to the problem? 12+8
4. Would you agree that foreign policy of Kaiser William-II was partly responsible for 1st World War? 20
5. What is Eastern Question? Did the Congress of Berlin (1878) really solve the Eastern Question? 5+15
6. Write a critical note on Spanish Civil War. 20

CATEGORY-II

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each 10×2=20

7. Write a note on the three Estates of the French Society. 10
8. Compare the February Revolution of 1848 with the July Revolution of 1830. 10

9. Write a short note on the emancipation of Serfs in Russia. 10
10. What were the factors, which led to the rise of Fascism in Italy? 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each 5×4=20

11. Who were Sans-Culottes? 5
12. Write a note on Girondists. 5
13. What is Agadir incident? 5
14. Write a short note on Appeasement Policy. 5
15. What is the Rome-Berlin Tokyo Axis? 5
16. Who were the Big Four at the Paris Conference? 5
17. What is Kultur-kampf? 5
18. Write a brief note on Locarno pact. 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any *three* questions within 750 words each

20×3 = 60

1. Discuss in detail the causes and effects of the Anglo-Chinese War. 20
2. Define the Self-Strengthening Movement. What were the defects and limitations of the movement? 6+14
3. Discuss the role of Sun-Yet-Sen in the Chinese Revolution of 1911. 20
4. Describe the salient features of the Meiji Constitution of 1889. Write a note on the nature of the Constitution. 10+10
5. Discuss the various provisions of the Treaty of Portsmouth. What were its impact in Asia? 6+14
6. What were the causes and consequences of Japanese aggression in Manchuria? 10+10

CATEGORY-II

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each

10×2=20

7. Write a note on the Peking Convention. 10
8. Write a short note on 'Hundred Days Reforms'. 10
9. Discuss the nature of 'Boxer Movement'. 10

10. Write a short note on the impact of the Pearl Harbour incident. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any four questions within 100 words each .5×4=20

11. Define the 'Treaty System'. 5
12. What is 'the most favoured nation' clause? 5
13. Write a note on the proposals in the 'Hay Doctrine'. 5
14. What is the Boxer Protocol of 1910? 5
15. Define the term 'Meiji Restoration'. 5
16. Write a note on Osaka Conference. 5
17. Mention two important factors responsible for the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. 5
18. Write a note on the 'Five Power Treaty'. 5

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any *three* questions within 750 words each

20×3 = 60

1. Analyse the features and motive behind the formation of the Baghdad Pact and South East Asian Treaty Organisation (SEATO). 10+10
2. How do you account for the division of Germany after the Second World War? What was its impact in International Politics? 20
3. Write a critical note on Czechoslovakian Crisis of 1968. What was the reaction of the Western Powers? 10+10
4. Discuss critically the involvement of the super powers in the Vietnam crisis. 20
5. Analyse the impact of 'Glasnost' and 'Perestroika' on the Eastern Europe. 20
6. What do you mean by the term Globalization? Assess its impact on the third World Countries. 5+15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each

10×2=20

7. What is Marshal Plan? 10
8. Write a short note on 'Warsaw Pact'. 10

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| 9. | What is 'Neo-Colonialism'? | 10 |
| 10. | Define the statement that 'the USA is a Global Policeman'. | 10 |

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *four* questions within 100 words each **5×4=20**

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| 11. | Define NATO. | 5 |
| 12. | What is Bi-polar system? | 5 |
| 13. | Define ASEAN. | 5 |
| 14. | Write a note on OPEC. | 5 |
| 15. | Define 'G' 8. | 5 |
| 16. | Write a note on Fidel Castro of Cuba. | 5 |
| 17. | Write a short note on PLO. | 5 |
| 18. | Write a note on Taliban rule in Afganistan. | 5 |

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