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HISTORY OPTIONAL- 2016 PREDICTION

46/51 Questions Direct Hit (90%)

PAPER I		
UPSC		SMART PREDICTIONS
Q. No.	Questions	Test No and Question No, Class/Test Discussion, Printed Notes and Dictated Class Notes
2a	Delineate and account for the regional characteristics of the Neolithic period in India.	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg:18- Neolithic period Regional characteristics are given in detail
2b	Explain why the majority of the Harappan settlements are located in the semi-arid areas with saline groundwater.	Ancient Indian class notes In Harappan theory of decline-this factor has been explained
2c	In what way was the egalitarian character of the early Vedic society changed during the later Vedic period?	Ancient Indian class notes Egalitarian characteristics of early vedic society in comparison with later vedic society.
3 a	Examine the relationship among economic growth, urbanization and State formation from c. 7th century BCE to 3rd century BCE.	Ancient Indian class notes Economic growth, urbanization, state formation from 7 th BC to 3 rd BC explained
3b	How does the numismatic evidence of the period reflect the political and economic outlook of the Kushanas and the Satavahanas?	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg 105 &109
3c	"The changes in the field of art from the Kushan period to early medieval period are mere reflection of changing outlook." Comments.	Ancient Indian class notes Art and architecture of ancient India Changes in each period explained in detail.
4a	Critically evaluate the theory and practice of land revenue system in ancient India.	Ancient Indian class notes land revenue system of ancient India



4b	“The copious references to the preservation of Varnashrama system by the kings eulogized in inscriptions are mere reflection of the Smriti tradition”. Discuss.	Discussed in test discussion. Analysis on Varnashram system
4 c	How did the temples of South India, as financial institutions, have deep impact on the social institutions of early medieval period? Critically examine.	Discussed in test discussion. Temples as financial institutions
5a	Evaluate the contents of the Tabaqat – E- Nasiri as a source of mediaeval history.	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg no: 176 Minhanj-us-Siraj & Tabaqat-i-Nasiri’
5b	Analyze the significance of the Uttaramerur inscriptions of the Chola king Parantaka 1	Class notes Local self government of cholas
5d	Comment on the veracity of Alberuni’s account of the Indian society	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg no: 176 Al-beruni
5e	Delineate the development of the Mughal painting during the reign of Jahangir.	Test no8 Q no:4b Write a Short note on development of painting during the Mughals? Date: 14-10-2016
6a	Explain the ingredients of the transitory nature of the early medieval India.	Medieval India class notes Transitional nature of medieval India explained
6b	What measures were initiated by the Sultans for the consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate? Discuss.	Medieval India class notes Consolidation of empire by Delhi sultanates.
6c	Identify the broad contours of the Mughal foreign policy and their impacts On the Mughal Empire.	Medieval India class notes Foreign policy of Mughals
7a	The Advaita doctrine of Shankara cut at the very root of Bhaktivada.” Do you agree?	Indian History By M.A Sadik Pg No:224 Shankaracharya and Advaita



7 b	Do you think that the economic measures introduced by the Sultanate rules were beneficial to the common people as well? Illustrate with examples.	Medieval India class notes Economic policy of important sultanates explained in detail
8a	Do you think that the agrarian crisis of the 17th century led to the disintegration of the Mughal Empire? Discuss.	Test no.8: Q no:5a Analyse the factors responsible for the decline of Mughal Empire? Test no 10: Q no:2a Do you believe that, it was the economic crisis that led to the decline of Mughal Empire during the later half of 17th century.
8b	Was it the weakening of the Mughal Empire or the rise of regional powers that led to the British conquest of India? Discuss.	Test no 10: Q no: 3c What are the distinguishing components of the debate on “The Eighteenth Century”?
8c	Is it true that the court intrigues and weak revenue system led to the collapse of the Maratha Empire? Comment.	Medieval India class notes Decline of Marathas – reasons explained
PAPER II		
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Q. No.	Questions	Test No and Question No, Class/Test Discussion, Printed Notes and Dictated Class Notes
1a	Comment on the French ambition of building a territorial empire. In India.	Test 12: Q no 1 a Dupleix made a cardinal blunder in looking for the key of India in Madras: Clive sought and found it in Bengal.” Critically examine.
1b	After the Battle of Plassey, how did India transit from the medieval to the modern age?	Medieval Indian class notes
1c	Do you agree with the view that the growth of vernacular literature in the 19 th and the 20 th centuries paved the way for social reform and cultural revival in India.?	Discussed about role of vernacular language in test discussions



1d	"The Mutiny of 1857 was much moiré than a Mutiny of Sepoys and much less than a National Rebellion," Comment	Test 12: Q no 1c "The military, feudal and traditional overtones of the Revolt of 1857 were overshadowed by its nationalist or proto-nationalist character." Critically examine.
1e	Explain "Constructive Swadeshi" Characterised by atmashakti (self-reliance), which propelled the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal.	Test 5: Q no 4 Discuss the origin and significance of the Swadeshi movement (1905-1907) in the Indian freedom struggle.
2a	How far is it correct to say that if Clive was the founder of the British Empire in India, Warren Hastings was its administrative organizer?	Indian history by M.A Sadik Chapter - 29 Pg no 286-300
2b	"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." Examine this statement with reference to Lord William Bentinck.	Indian history by M.A Sadik Chapter - 29 Pg no 290
2c	"India's need for a federal system was more an imperative than a political choice." Do you agree?	Modern India class notes Discussed in test discussions
3a	Critically examine the causes responsible for the phenomenon called 'de-industrialization' in India during the nineteenth century.	Test 10: Q no 5a Discuss the impact of Drain theory on Indian economy, highlighting the aspect of deindustrialization of India.
3b	How far is it correct to say that the 19 th Tribal uprisings are a part of subaltern nationalism?	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg no 306 Chapter 30 Tribal revolts
3c	How did Dr. B.R. Ambedkar try to seek a political solution to the Problem of caste in India?	Indian history by M.A Sadik Pg no 337 Chapter 32 Dr. Ambedkhar and his Depressed Classes Movement
4a	"The need to impose greater parliamentary control over the Company's affairs increased during the decades (1773 - 1853) after Plassey." Elucidate.	Modern India class notes Discussed in test discussions



4b	What significant role did women play in the Indian National Movement?	Test 6: Q no 4b Discuss the contribution of women in the Indian National Movement of the 20th century.
5c	“League of Nations is a League of Nations.” Comment.	World history by M.A Sadik Pg no 123 League of Nations
5e	What factors contributed to the emergence of a unipolar world?	World history class notes Disintegration of USSR and emergence of unipolar world
6a	The French philosophers but by the conditions of national life and by the mistakes of the government.	Test no 3: Q no:2b “The writings of the philosophers had a tremendous influence on the minds of the people and created a revolutionary awakening in their minds and formed the intellectual creed of the French Revolution.” Comment.
6b	“A house divided against itself cannot stand, I believe this government cannot endure permanently, half slave and half free” Explain Abraham Lincoln’s perspective.	Test no 12: Q no:4a “Six hundred thousand men had died. The union was preserved, the slaves freed. A nation ‘conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal’ had survived its most terrible ordeal.” Critically examine.
6c	Trace the significant role played by Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam’s struggle for freedom	World history by M.A Sadik Pg no 185
7a	How did Lenin achieve an abrupt transition from a Monarchical autocratic to a Socialist State?	World history by M.A Sadik Pg no 126
7b	Do you agree with the view that the Treaty of Versailles was a bad compromise between a treaty based upon force and a treaty based on ideas?	Test 4: Q no 1b Analyze the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles of 1919 and examine the validity of Germany’s objections to the treaty. Test 12: Q no 4d “The Treaty of Versailles was merely an armistice for twenty years.” Comment.
7c	Trace the growth of British imperialism in South Africa from 1800 to 1907.	World history by M.A Sadik Pg no 94 Imperialism in Africa



8a	Trace the growth of Arab nationalism after the First World War. How far was it a reaction to Oil Imperialism?	Test 4: Q no 2b Discuss the aims of the establishment of the Arab League and assess its role in safeguarding the interests of the Arab nations
8b	In what way did the political changes in Soviet Union influence the events in Eastern Europe during the closing decades of the 20 th Century?	World history by M.A Sadik Pg no 207
8c	Outline the circumstances Leading to détente.	World history by M.A Sadik Explained about detente

