



HISTORY OPTIONAL- 2019 PREDICTION

45/51 Questions Direct Hit (88%)

21/23 questions - paper 1

24/28 questions - paper 2

| Paper I | | | |
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| Section A | | | |
| Q.No. | Questions | Test No and Q. No/ Printed Notes, Dictated Class Notes | Question Asked in Test/ Topics |
| 2a | Do you agree that archaeological evidence often helps in the better understanding of literary sources? Comment. | Ancient Indian class notes | Significance of archeological sources compared to literary sources. |
| 2c | Did the mastery over agriculture act as a leverage for the rise of Harappan towns and cities ? Discuss. | Ancient Indian class notes | Economy of IVC |
| 3a | The flourishing international trade during the Kushana period gave tremendous impetus to the development of art. Discuss. | Ancient Indian printed material-7 | Development of trade and commerce and Art and architecture during post Mauryan period |
| 3b | Examine how the transformation of the Varna system from the Rigvedic to the Later-Vedic period affected the position women. | Ancient Indian class notes | Social difference between early and later vedic period. |
| 3c | There are no literary sources for the Harappan culture and non archaeological evidence for the vedic period Explain the phenomenon . | Test 11 Q no: 3a | Studying Aryans through Archaeology will lead to nowhere as studying Harappans through literature - critically |



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| 4a | Explain how Ashoka used religion as a tool of political aggrandizement? | Ancient Indian class notes | Ashok's dhamma – explained how it was used for consolidating his empire. |
| 4b | Do you agree that the system of land grants from the Gupta-Vakataka Period was connected with the decentralisation of state in any way ? | Test 11 Q no: 4a | The privileges granted through land-grant charters are responsible for integration or disintegration of socio-political milieu of early India. How for it is true according to you. |
| 4c | The discovery of monsoons by Hippalus gave a new direction to Indo-Roman trade during the Satavahana period. Comment. | Indian history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 106 Dark Age or Mercantile Age |
| SECTION B | | | |
| 5a | Discuss how Vijayanagar empire became the cultural capital of the south ? | Medieval India printed material- 11 | Cultural Contributions of Vijayanagara kings |
| 5b | Examine the status of Sanskrit in Mughal India. | Medieval India printed material-10 | Akbar's literary contributions |
| 5c | Assess the rule of Zainul Abedin in Kashmir. | Test 7 Q no 4b | Evaluate Jonaraja's account of the reign of Zain-ul-Abidin. |
| 5d | The economic measures of Alauddin Khalji were aimed at greater political control. Discuss. | Test 9 Q no 4a | Allauddin Khilji's market and revenue reforms were a part of other reforms of him. Comment |
| | | Medieval India class notes | Economic measures of Alauddin Khalji |
| 5e | Examine the European impact on Mughal paintings. | Indian History by M.A Sadik | Pg: 205 Mughal painting |
| 6a | Assess the statement that 'the philosophy of Shankaracharya revolutionised religious thoughts in India'. | Indian History by M.A Sadik | Pg: 224 Shankaracharya |



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| 6b | Delineate the state of agriculture during the Sultanate period. | Medival India printed material – 4 | Economic in north India under the delhi sultanate -Agricultural Production, Composition of rural society and The Revenue System |
| 6c | Sufi and Bhakti thoughts ennobled Indian psyche amidst the vagaries of time. Elucidate. | Medieval India class notes | Significance of Bhakthi and sufi movements |
| 7b | Internal strife and conflict beset with personal ambitions was enough of an invitation for the Ghurids to invade India. Discuss. | Test 7 Q no 2a | "The Battles of Tarain laid the foundations of Turkish rule in India". Elaborate. |
| | | Test 11 Q no 7a | If is the 2 nd battle of Terain Mohammad Ghor would have been defeated by Prithviraj Chauhan, there would not have been Turkish rule in India. Critically evaluate |
| | | Medieval India material 1 | Establishment Of Turkish Rule In India |
| 7c | The Mughals built like Titans and embellished like jewellers. Comment. | Medieval India class notes | Establishment and consolidation by various mughal emperors explained |
| 8a | Critically analyse whether the success of the Mughals is to be credited to their robust Jagirdari and Mansabdari system. | Medieval India class notes | Mansabdari system its significances and limitations |
| 8b | It was as much the court intrigues as also the defiance of the provincial powers that hastened the decline of the Mughals in the 18th century. Comment. | Medieval India class notes | Various reasons for decline of Mughal empire discussed in detail |
| 8c | Shivaji was not merely a military conqueror but also was an enlightened ruler. Discuss. | Test 11 Q no 8a | Shivaji – the epitome of rise of Marathas. Illustrate |



Paper 2

Section A

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| 1a | "Tipu Sultan was trying to build in Mysore a strong centralized and militarized state, with ambitious territorial designs." | Indian history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 274 Achievements of Tipu Sutan explained |
| 1b | "Not until independence, when economic development became a conscious and pursued policy, did the Railways begin to realize their potential for assisting in the transformation of the Indian economy." | Modern India Printed material – 1 | Economic Impact Of British Colonial Rule: The key aspects of Indian railways. British vs. Nationalists on railways |
| 1c | "Two important intellectual criteria which informed the reform movements were rationalism and religious universalism." | Modern India Printed material–6 | Socio-Religious Reform Movements Of 19 th Century - basic ideals of revival and reform movements discussed. |
| 1d | " ... the Kol Insurrection was mainly a war of the tribal inhabitants of Chotanagpur against the non-tribal settlers and service-holders." | Indian history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 307 Kol uprising explained in detail |
| 1e | "The Cripps Mission was plagued throughout, and ultimately torpedoed." | Indian history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 373 Cripps mission |
| 2a | How far was the drain theory a focal point of nationalist critique of colonialism? | Test 12 Q no: 4a | "Our system acts very much like a sponge, drawing up all the good things from the banks of the Ganges, and squeezing them down on the banks of the Thames." Comment. |
| | | Modern India class notes | Drain theory discussed in detail |
| 2b | Examine the forces at work for the introduction of western education in India. Analyse the thrust given to it by the Christian Missionaries. | Test 5 Q no: 2a | Orientalist-Anglicist controversy shaped the modern education system in India. Analyse. |
| 2c | Do you subscribe to the view that the Anglo-French | Indian history by | Pg: 278 |



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| | tussle in Carnatic demonstrated the internal decay of the provincial chieftains of South India.? | M.A Sadik | Causes and consequences of Anglo-French wars |
| 3a | How would you explain the major trends of the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal? | Test 5 Qno: 3b | Atmashakti which was proposed by aurobindo ghosh, was visible in every spear of life during swadeshi movement in Bengal. |
| 3b | Is it justified to say that the Government of India Act of 1935 had all brakes, but no engine ? | Indian history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 392 Act of 1935 |
| 3c | How far was the widow remarriage movement effective in arousing social concern for Indian women? | Test 12 Q no: 1e | "The Widow Remarriage Act was, in many ways, a logical sequel to the abolition of Sati." Comment. |
| 4a | Why is the Quit India Movement characterized as a 'Spontaneous Revolution'? Did it accelerate the process of Indian independence? | Modern India class notes | Is Quit India Movement a 'Spontaneous movement'? |
| 4b | Assess the role of Subhas Chandra Bose in India's struggle for independence. | Test 6 Q no: 4b | Highlight the achievements of Subash Chandra Bose. |
| Section B | | | |
| 5a | "The arguments of the free traders were a curious mixture of economic hard-headedness, social benevolence, cosmopolitan idealism and class prejudice." | World history printed material - 10 | Neo Imperialism |
| 5b | "There are many ways in which the war of 1914 - 18 was unprecedented, and in human history, entirely novel." | Test 4 Q no: 2c | Why was the First World War termed as the first 'total' war in modern history |
| 5c | "The ineffectiveness of the League of Nations to prevent or to check Japanese aggression against China was the first serious blow to its prestige as an agency for providing security." | Test 12 Q no: 5d | "The Manchurian crisis decided the fate of the League of Nations." Comment. |



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| 5d | "Non-alignment came to symbolize the struggle of India and other newly independent nations to retain and strengthen their independence from colonialism and imperialism." | Test 4 Q no: 4b | Highlight the relevance of NAM today. |
| 6a | How did the policies of governments facilitate the process of industrialization in Europe? | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg 73 Industrial revolution in Europe |
| 6b | How was Italy transformed from 'a geographical expression' to nation state? | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg 107 Unification of Italy |
| 6c | How far did the Napoleonic preferential stance to help out the French economy result in embroiling France in continental conflicts? | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg 53 The Continental System and Its Effects |
| 7b | Explain why Latin America was beset with chronic political instability and endemic military conflicts throughout most of the 19th century. | World history printed material – 14 | Liberation from colonial rule: Latin America |
| 7c | Do you agree with the view that the formation of NATO marked a revolution in American attitude to the world problems? | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg 181 The Formation Of NATO |
| 8b | Was Czechoslovakia served on a dish to Hitler at Munich? What were its implications? | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg 171 Interwar Diplomacy |
| 8c | Analyse the role of Egypt after the Second World War in bringing about Arab unity. | World history by M.A Sadik | Pg: 189 Arab nationalism |
| | | World history printed material-14 | Formation of National Union under Nasser |