

QUESTION BANK
BA I (Pass Course)
DSC PAPER I HIST (A) 101

Short Questions

1. Name the oldest Vedas? How many hymns does it contain?
2. Who is the author of *Rajtrangini*?
3. What is the most plausible theory for the origin of Aryans. Who propounded it?
4. What are Four noble Truths?
5. What do you mean by *Dhramachakra Parivartana*?
6. What are *Triratnas* in Jainism?
7. What are *Tripitakas*?
8. What were the contemporary civilizations of Indus Valley?
9. Name the only Indus site where the remains of a horse have actually been found.
10. What do you know about the burial practices of Indus Valley people?
11. What is the importance of the *X Mandal* of Rigveda?
12. Give two important sources for knowing the history of Mauryans.
13. What was Ashoka's *Dhamma*?
14. Name the two Tamil Epics.
15. How Ashoka was responsible for the decline of Mauryan Empire.
16. Who composed "*Saptshati*"?
17. Give any two features of Gandhara School of Art.

Long Questions

- Q1. Give account of the sources of Ancient Indian History.
- Q2. Discuss the contribution of the Nationalist writers in studying the Ancient Indian History.
- Q3. Discuss the main features of the Mesolithic Culture.
- Q4. Write an essay on the Rock -Art of pre historic period in India.
- Q5. Describe the important features of the Indus Valley Civilization.
- Q6. Discuss the various theories for the decline of Indus Valley Civilization.
- Q7. What are the salient features of Chalcolithic Age?

- Q8. Give a detailed account of the social and political condition of the Early Vedic Aryans.
- Q9. Examine the religious and economic life of Later Vedic Aryans.
- Q10. Write a detailed note on Megalithic Culture in India.
- Q11. Explain the causes for the rise of Magadha.
- Q12. Give a brief account of the life and teachings of Buddha. What were the causes of his popularity?
- Q13. What are the main doctrines of Jainism?
- Q14. Describe the main principles of Ashoka's Dhamma & what steps were taken for its spread?
- Q15. Discuss briefly the main causes of the disintegration of Mauryan Empire. How far Ashoka can be held responsible for it.
- Q16. Give an account of the life and achievements of Gautmiputra Satkarni.
- Q17. Discuss the contribution of Kanishka towards the promotion of Religion, Art & literature.
- Q18. Discuss the Social Life of people in Sangam Age.

DSC PAPER II (HIST (A)102)

Short Questions

- Q1. Give any four sources for the Gupta Age.
- Q2. Who is known as the Indian Napoleon and Why?
- Q3. Give any four works of Kalidas.
- Q4. What do you know about the origin of Guptas?
- Q5. Who was Harisen?
- Q6. What are the different theories for the origin of Pallavas?
- Q7. What do you know about local administration under Pallavas?
- Q8. Give any four works of Harsha Vardhana.
- Q9. Name the two famous scholars at the Pallava court.
- Q10. Give any two achievements of Pulakesin II.

Long Questions

1. Was the Gupta age the Golden Period of Indian History? If so, how?
2. Examine the causes for the disintegration of Gupta Empire in India.

3. Describe the military exploits or achievements of Samudragupta. Why is he known as the Indian Napoleon?
4. Describe the achievements of Vakatakas in the field of religion, art and literature.
5. Briefly discuss the Pallavas. Assess their contribution in the field of Art & administration.
6. Discuss the social, economic and cultural life under the Chalukyas of Badami.
7. Describe the tripartite struggle for the control of Kannauj by the Pratiharas, the Palas and the Rashtrakutas.
8. Give a brief account of the administration of Harsha.
9. Describe the main features of the Chola administration.
10. Give an estimate of the achievements of Raja I and Rajendra I.
11. Why did Rajputs fail in establishing a permanent empire in India.
12. Discuss the main features of Rajput civilization.
13. Discuss the causes, events and effects of the Arab invasion of Sindh.
14. Critically examine the effects of the Ghaznavi invasions on the political, social and economic life of North India.
15. Give an account of the character and achievements of Muhammad Ghori.
16. Critically examine the causes for the defeat of Rajputs or the success of Turks in India.

BA II (DSC III -HIST (A) 203

Short Questions

1. Who laid the foundation of Delhi Sultanate and when?
2. Who was known as "Lakh Buksh" and why?
3. What was Iqtadari System. Who introduced it?
4. Which two Persian traditions were stated by Balban in India?
5. Which new taxes were introduced by Ala-ud -din Khalji?
6. Who is known as the "wisest fool of the muslim world"? Why?
7. Who laid the foundation of Vijaynagar Empire?
8. When and by whom *jazia* was abolished?
9. Give any two features of Mughal miniature painting.
10. Give any two causes responsible for the rise of Marathas.

Long Questions

1. Describe the career and achievements of Qutubuddin Aibak.
2. "Iltutmish was the greatest of all slave kings"-Wolsley Haig. Discuss
3. What do you know about the Blood and Iron Policy of Balban? Explain.
4. Discuss the Economic and Military reforms of Ala-ud-din Khalji.
5. Critically examine the Deccan Policy of Ala-ud-din Khalji. What were the objectives of his Deccan Campaigns?
6. "Muhammad Tughlaq 's Character was mixture of opposites". Discuss.
7. Firoz Shah Tughlaq 's policy was curious blending of good and evil Comment.
8. Examine the causes of the decline of Vijay Nagar Empire.
9. Discuss the character and achievements of Mahmud Gawan.
10. "Sher Shah Suri was forerunner of Akbar in ability and statesmanship." Comment.
11. Write an essay on Bhakti Movement in detail.
12. Give a brief account of the political condition of India on the eve of Babur's invasion.
13. Describe the Rajput Policy of Akbar.
14. How far was Aurangzeb responsible for the downfall of Mughal Empire.
15. Critically examine the Mansabdari System of Mughals.
16. Discuss the Art & Architecture of 1200-1556.
17. What were the main features of the administration of Shivaji?
18. What were the causes for the downfall of Mughal Empire?

BA II (DSC-HIST(A) 204)

Short Questions

1. What was Doctrine of Lapse? Who introduced it?
2. What was General Service Enlistment Act of 1856?
3. Briefly describe the achievement of Baji Rao I.
4. When and Who introduced Permanent Settlement in Bengal?
5. Explain the term "Dual System of Government in Bengal".
6. State two basic principles of Brahma Samaj.
7. What two factors led to the rise of communalism in India?
8. When did the Khalifat Movement start and Why?

9. Name any two suggestions of the Nehru Report.
10. Name two states which posed a problem for the integration of India.

Long Questions

1. Discuss the economic and social conditions in India in the first half of the 18th century.
2. Explain the Subsidiary System of Lord Wellesley.
3. Critically examine the Permanent Settlement of Bengal.
4. Discuss the main principles and achievements of the Arya Samaj in religious and social reforms.
5. Discuss the nature of the revolt of 1857.
6. Trace the history of peasant movement in India during the British Rule.
7. Briefly describe the growth and development of the Indian National Movement from 1885 to 1916.
8. Discuss the nature of Gandhian Movements. Also discuss the role played by Gandhiji in freedom movement.
9. Describe the main features of Indian Constitution.
10. Discuss the main features of the Government of India Act, 1935.

BA II (SEC HIST(A) 213)

Short Questions

1. What do you mean by Tourism?
2. What is Cultural Heritage?
3. What is paragliding?
4. Give any two features of Temple architecture in Himachal Pradesh.
5. What are Stupas?
6. Which Mughal Emperor added Moti Masjid to The Red Fort?
7. Write a short note on Hari Rai Temple.
8. Write a short note on Fort William.
9. Which temple is known as “Ellora of Himachal Pradesh”? Why?
10. When was the famous Gaiety Theatre constructed?

Long Questions

- 1.What do you mean by Tourism? Explain in brief the importance of Tourism?
- 2.What do you mean by Heritage? Discuss the different kinds of Heritage?
- 3.What do you mean by Indo-Islamic Architecture? Write a short note on the architecture of Delhi Sultanate.
- 4.Explain the Stupa of Sanchi in brief.
- 5.Write a detailed note on Taj Mahal.
- 6.Explain the major Temple Styles in India.
- 7.Discuss the famous temples of Chamba.
- 8.Write a short note on the Architecture of India during the British Period.
- 9.Descuss the main tourist places of Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.
- 10.Describe the colonial architecture of Shimla.

BA II SEC-HIST(A)216

Short Questions

- 1.Name the tribes of North East India famous for their wood works.
- 2.Give features of the temple architecture of Mahabalipuram temple.
- 3.Name the famous Monolithic rock cut temple in Himachal Pradesh.
- 4.Write a short note on Dhokra Art.
- 5.What is the main theme of Madhubani painting?
- 6.Give the important features of Chola Bronzes.
- 7.Name the two types of Madhubani painting.
- 8.Write a short note on Patola textile weaving in India.
- 9.Name the ruler who patronised Kangra painting.
- 10.Name the tribes of North East India famous for their wood works.

Long Questions

- 1.Write a detailed note on the architectural features of Dilwara Temple (Rajasthan)
- 2.Explain in detail the sculpture of Mahabalipuram Temple (Tamil Nadu).
- 3.Trace the history of Kangra painting.

- 4.Explain in detail *Bidari* metal craft in India.
- 5.Write a detail note on the development of Chola Bronzes in India.
- 6.What do you about the weaving and basketry woodworks of North eastern India?
- 7.Trace the development of sculpture in India.
- 8.Write short note on the following:
 - (1) *Bandhini*
 - (2) *Bhadohi*
- 9.Do a comparative study of architectural features of the monolithic temples of Masroor and Kaliashnath .
- 10.Briefly discuss the gems and jewellery metal craft during the Mughal Period.

BA III (DSE-HIST(A)305

Short Questions

- 1.What is contemporary History?
- 2.What is meant by Munroe Doctrine?
- 3.Why did America join first world war?
- 4.What was 'Brushen Shaft'?
- 5.When, where and who founded the 'Young Italy 'society'?
- 6.What you mean by Meiji Restoration?
- 7.Who is known as the father of the Chinese revolution of 1911 and why?
- 8.Which nation was called the "sick man of Europe "and Why?
- 9.Give any two causes for the outbreak of Bolsheviks Revolution?
- 10.What was the immediate cause of the First World War?

Long Questions

- 1.What do you mean by Contemporary History? Discuss its main features.

2. Give a brief account of the History of German Unification.
3. What do you mean by “Scramble for Africa”? How did it affect the international relations of European Powers?
4. Explain the emergence of American after the civil war.
5. What factors were responsible for the Chinese Revolution of 1911 in China? Also discuss its course and impact.
6. What were the causes of the rise of nationalism in Egypt?
7. Explain the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05.
8. Review the circumstances leading to the Russian Revolution of 1917.
9. Discuss the causes and events responsible for Anglo-German rivalry.
10. Was the First World War inevitable? Give concrete historical facts in support of your answer.

BA III(DSE-HIST(A))

Short Questions

1. What do you mean by Great Depression?
2. Why did the League of Nations fail?
3. What three problems France had to face after World War I?
4. Why the World War II called the ‘Phoney War’ during its first few months?
5. Name the chief organs of the U.N.O.
6. What was Atlantic Charter?
7. What is meant by the Cold War?
8. What are the main objectives of N.A.M.?
9. What do you mean by Globalization?
10. What was New Deal?

Long Questions

1. Give critical account the Treaty of Versailles. How can you say that it contained the seeds of the Second World War?
2. How did the Economic Depression of 1929 in USA affect its economy and that of the whole world.

3. What were the results of the Second World War?
4. When was UNO set up? What were its aims? Throw light on its chief organs.
5. What do you mean by Cold War? What were its causes? What were its effects?
6. What do you mean by Non-Aligned Movement? What were its chief principles? How has it influenced the world politics?
7. Discuss the growth of Feminist Movement in America.
8. Write a brief note on rise of national movement in South Africa.
9. What do you mean by Environment? Discuss the human effects on Environment.
10. Discuss critically the causes which led to entry of USA in the second world war.

BAIII (SEC –(A)317)

Short Questions

1. Write a short note on Indo-Gangetic Plains.
2. Explain the importance of *Neem* Plant.
3. What is surface water?
4. What do you mean by Urbanisation?
5. What are effects of water pollution?
6. What is gender inequality?
7. Give the important features of Indian Culture.
8. Explain the term “Cultural Heritage”.
9. What are the different means of communication?
10. Write a short note on *Pongal*?

Long Questions.

1. Explain the effect of physiographical divisions on the history of India.
2. Describe the major medicinal plants found in India.
3. What are water resources? Explain the different types of water resources in India.
4. What do you understand by Discrimination? Describe the different types of discrimination.
5. Trace the history of women in India.
6. Write a detailed note on domestic violence against women in India.
7. Explain the natural & cultural heritage in detail.
8. Throw light on the major festivals and fairs of India.
9. Explain in detail the different styles of temple architecture in India.

10. Critically examine the merits and demerits of Urbanization in India.

BA III (SEC-(A) 319)

Short Questions.

1. What do you know about Indian Art?
2. What is Miniature Painting?
3. What is Folk Art?
4. Give features of Gandhara Sculpture.
5. What is iconography?
6. Give features of Indo-Islamic Architecture.
7. What are the key features of the Mural Painting at Ajanta?
8. Who patronised the Kangra School of Painting?
9. Write short note on Mathura School of Art.
10. What is Fresco?

Long Questions

1. Describe the features of Indian Art.
2. Write a detailed essay on *Rangoli*.
3. Describe briefly the sculpture style of Indus Valley.
4. Write a detailed note on the Hindu, Buddhist and Jain Iconography of the Gupta Period.
5. Discuss in brief the Mughal Architecture along with its features.
6. Explain the major Temple Style in India.
7. What do you know about Masroor Rock Cut Temple of Kangra? Describe the features of this temple.
8. Trace the development of Mughal Painting in India.
9. Explain the features of the cave of Ajanta.
10. Mention the main features of Kangra School of School.

