



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC TEST 3 (2024-2025)

Class-XII

Care must be taken not to write anything on the question paper. All the questions must be attempted in the correct sequence.

SUBJECT: HISTORY (CODE- 027)

Time: -3 Hours

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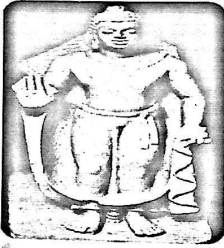
General Instructions:

1. The question paper consists of five sections (A, B, C, D and E) with 34 questions in total.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Section A: Questions 1 to 21 - MCQs, 1 mark each.
4. Section B: Questions 22 to 27 - Short Answer Type Questions, 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60-80 words.
5. Section C: Questions 28 to 30 - Long Answer Type Questions, 8 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 300-350 words.
6. Section D: Questions 31 to 33 - Source based questions (three sub questions), 4 marks each.
7. Section-E - Questions 34 - Map based, 5 marks, that includes the identification and location of significant test items. Attach the map with the answer book.
8. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.

Q NO.	SECTION A MCQ s	(1x21=21)
1	Which one of the following was the main demand of the Khilafat movement? (a) Dominion status for India. (b) Self-rule to India. (c) Restoration of Caliphate of Turkey. (d) Revival of orthodox culture of Islam.	1
2	Which of the following is true about the Santhals? I. Santhals were hired by zamindars. II. They settled in Burdawan. III. A large area was provided to Santhal known as Damin-i-koh. (a) Only (I) (b) (I) and (II) (c) (I) and (III) (d) Only (III)	1
3	Consider the following statements and choose the correct option. (i) Francois Bernier was closely associated with The Prince Darah Sikoh (ii) Bernier travelled to different parts of the country and wrote accounts. (iii) He dedicated his major writings to the King of France and Aurangzeb. Options (a) Only (i) is correct. (b) Only (ii), (iii) are correct. (c) Only (i), (ii), (iii) are correct. (d) Only (i) and (ii) is correct.	1
4	Which one of the following pairs is incorrectly matched? (a) Critical edition of Mahabharata- VS Sukthankar (b) The Bhagavad Gita-Advice offered by Lord Krishna to Arjun Created by Brahmanas (c) Purusha Sukta in the Rigveda-Created by Brahmanas (d) Manusmriti- Laid down the duties of chandalas	1

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Look at the picture and identify the school of art it belongs to:



- (a) Mathura School of art
 (b) Gandhara school of art
 (c) Amravati school of art
 (d) Karnataka school of art.

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What do you understand by the term Khud-kashta?

- (a) Peasants who were residents of the village
 (b) Non-resident cultivators
 (c) Revenue collectors
 (d) Head of Jati panchayat

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Consider the following statements about the seals of Proto-Shiva.

1. There is a mention of a deity 'Rudra' in ancient religious texts.
2. Later the word Rudra was used for Shiva.
3. Rudra is not mentioned in the Rigveda as Pashupati.
4. The depiction of Pashupati does not match the mention of Rudra in the Rigveda.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
 (b) 1, 2, 3
 (c) 2, 3, 4
 (d) 1, 3, 4

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Arrange the following in chronological order:

- I. Sanskrit inscription of Rudradaman
- II. Donation record of Prabhavati Gupta
- III. Hiuen Tsang's Pilgrimage
- IV. Composition of Rigveda

- (a) IV-I-III-II
 (b) IV-III-I-II
 (c) I-IV-II-III
 (d) IV-I-II-III

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Match List 1 with List 2 and select the correct pair from the options given below:

LIST 1	LIST 2
1. The world is transient	(a) Self- punishment
2. The world is soulless	(b) Anatta
3. The world is full of sorrow	(c) Annica
4. The path of moderation	(d) Dukkha

- (a) 1-a, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b
 (b) 1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-c
 (c) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
 (d) 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a

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Why was the task of defining minority rights in the Constituent Assembly difficult?

- (a) Different groups had different demands regarding rights.
 (b) British did not want to include it in the constitutional frame work.
 (c) Gandhiji opposed the idea of special rights for some sections.
 (d) Rights of people in Princely states were ambiguous.

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11	<p>Which of the following statements is incorrect about the duties as laid down in Manusmriti for the Chandalas?</p> <p>(a) They had to live on the outskirts of the village. (b) They had to use discarded utensils. (c) They were supposed to wear old clothes of the villagers and ornaments made from shells. (d) It was their duty to serve as executioner and dispose of the bodies of those who had no relatives.</p>	1
12	<p>The Ain is made up of 5 books. The third book 'mulk abaadi' deals specifically with which of the following ?</p> <p>(a) Administration of the empire (b) Civil administration (c) Fiscal side of the empire (d) Praise of the emperor</p>	1
13	<p>Two statements are marked as Assertion (a) and Reason (R). Choose the option that follows with correct code.</p> <p>Assertion- (A) The Sanchi Stupa survived while Amarawati did not. Reason- (R) Sanchi stupa was discovered in 1818 when scholars understand the importance of such findings while Amarawati which was discovered in 1796 was removed from its site.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are true and R is correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are true but R is not correct explanation of A . (c) A is true but R is false . (d) A is false but R is true.</p>	1
14	<p>Domingo Paes wrote about a tank constructed by Krishnadeva Raya as....'The king made a tank... at the mouth of two hills so that all the water which comes from either one side or the other collects there'....</p> <p>How were these Tanks constructed?</p> <p>(a) Tanks were constructed by breaking down a hill. (b) By digging deep in the earth. (c) At the roof of building. (d) Constructing walls at the four sides.</p>	1
15	<p>Gandhiji told the privileged invitees that "there is no salvation for India unless you strip yourself of this jewellery and hold it in trust for your countrymen in India". "There can be no spirit of self-government about us,"</p> <p>In which meeting did Gandhiji make this statement?</p> <p>(a) At Champaran satyagraha (b) at Foundation of Indian National Congress. (c) At the opening of Banaras Hindu University. (d) Round Table conference.</p>	1
16	<p>Two statements are marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct option:</p> <p>Assertion (A): The Alvars and Nayanars initiated a movement to protest against the caste system. Reason (R): The major anthologies of compositions by the Alvars, the Nalayira prabandham was frequently described as the Rig Veda, thus claiming that the text was as significant as the four Vedas in Sanskrit.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is correct but R is wrong. (d) R is correct but A is wrong.</p>	1

17	<p>There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R), mark your answer as per the codes given below.</p> <p>Assertion (A): The mid-first millennium BCE saw the emergence of new religions in India.</p> <p>Reason (R): People began speculating on the significance of the sacrificial tradition and authority of the Vedas .</p> <p>a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>c) A is true, but R is false .</p> <p>d) A is false, but R is true.</p>	1
18	<p>Arrange the following in correct order of administration during Mughal rule.</p> <p>(a) Suba, sarkar, pargana, Mahal</p> <p>(b) Sarkar, pargana, mahal, suba</p> <p>(c) Mahal, sarkar, pargana, suba</p> <p>(d) Pargana, Suba, Mahal, Sarkar</p>	1
19	<p>Consider the following about Subsidiary alliance.</p> <p>I. British would be responsible for protecting their ally from external and internal threats to their power.</p> <p>II. In the territory of the ally, a British armed contingent would be stationed</p> <p>Which of the option is correct?</p> <p>(a) Only I</p> <p>(b) Only II</p> <p>(c) Both I and II</p> <p>(d) None</p>	1
20	<p>What does the Buddhist text Vinaya Pitaka Contain?</p> <p>(a) Regional histories of Buddhism</p> <p>(b) Rules and regulations of the sangha</p> <p>(c) Buddha's teachings</p> <p>(d) Philosophical matters</p>	1
21	<p>Here is an excerpt of a mantra from the Rigveda:</p> <p>I free her from here, but not from there. I have bound her firmly there, so that through the grace of Indra she will have fine sons and be fortunate in her husband's love.</p> <p>What aspect of vedic society is reflected from this extract?</p> <p>(a) Matriliney</p> <p>(b) Patriliney</p> <p>(c) Polyandry</p> <p>(d) Exogamy</p>	1
SECTION B		
SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS		(3X6=18)
22	<p>(a) How do modern historians explain the development and growth of Magadhan power on the 6th Century BC?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) What type of sources have been used to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire? Explain with three examples.</p>	3
23	<p>Bernier's description of land ownership influenced western theories. In this context, analyse the idea of Asiatic mode of Production by Karl Marx.</p>	3
24	<p>The characteristics features of Vijayanagar empire can be discovered from the temples constructed during that time. Substantiate with suitable examples.</p>	3
25	<p>How Sufi music and Bhakti poetry served an expression of spirituality and unity across communities in India.</p>	3
26	<p>Describe the opinions of archaeologists over the existence of central authority of the Harappan Civilization.</p>	3

27	(a) Explain how the East India Company subdued the authority of zamindars in Bengal during the 18 th Century. OR (b) Examine the impact of Limitation Law passed by the British in 1859.	3
SECTION C LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS		(8X3=24)
28	(a) Within the Constituent assembly, the National language issue was debated over many months and often generated intense arguments. Elucidate the statement with evidences. OR (b) Examine the different arguments made in the constituent Assembly regarding the respective rights of the Centre and the State.	8
29	(a) 'A chain of grievances in Awadh linked the talukdars, peasants and sepoys to join the revolt of 1857.' Justify. OR (b) 'Through proclamations, the rebels of 1857 completely rejected everything associated with British rule and Firangi raj'. What importance does the proclamations serve in understanding the historiography of 1857? Cite any 4 aspects of the proclamation to support the statement.	5+3=8
30	(a) Describe the caste and rural milieu of Mughal India. How did Jati panchayat wield considerable power in the rural society in Mughal Period? OR (b) Explain the role of women in agrarian society during the 16 th -17 th century.	8
SECTION D SOURCE BASED QUESTIONS		(4X3=12)
31	Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow: Here is a composition attributed to Kabir: Tell me, brother, how can there be No one lord of the world but two? Who led you so astray? God is called by many names: Names like Allah, Ram, Karim, Keshav, Hari and Hazrat. Gold may be shaped into rings and bangles. Isn't it gold all the same? Distinctions are only words we invent... Kabir says that are both mistaken. Neither can find the only Ram. One kills the goat, the other cows. They waste their lives in disputation. a) How has Kabir laid emphasis on the attainment of oneness with the divine? b) How do you think the people waste their lives in disputation? c) How has the lyrical beauty of his poem made him a figure of inter-religious harmony?	1 1 2
32	Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow: The wealthy Shudra This story, based on a Buddhist text in Pali known as the Majjhima Nikaya, is part of a dialogue between a king named Avantiputta and a disciple of the Buddha named Kachchana. While it may not be literally true, it reveals Buddhist attitudes towards varna. Avantiputta asked Kachchana what he thought about Brahmanas who held that they were the best caste and that all other castes were low; that Brahmanas were a fair caste while all other castes were dark; that only Brahmanas were pure, not non-Brahmanas; that Brahmanas were sons of Brahma, born of his mouth, born of Brahma, formed by Brahma, heirs to Brahma. Kachchana replied: "What if a Shudra were wealthy would another Shudra or a Kshatriya or a Brahmana or a Vaishya ... speak politely to him?"	

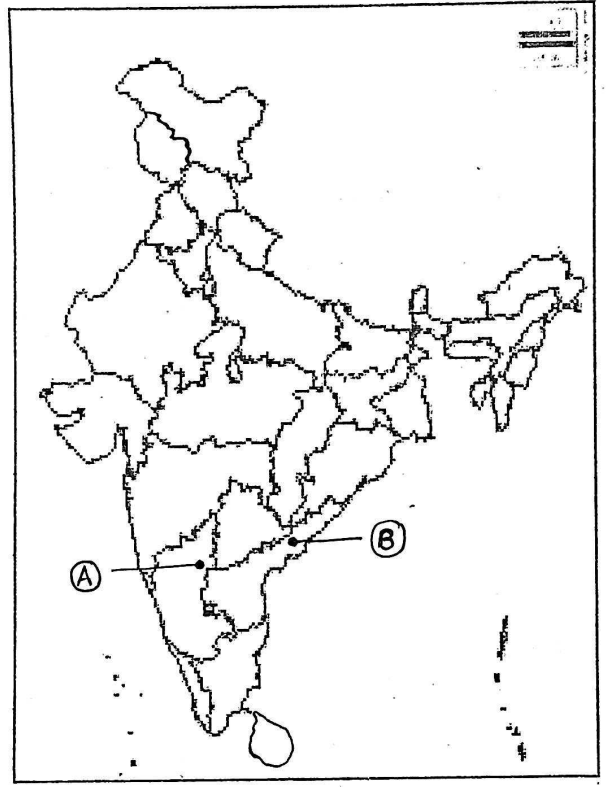
	<p>Avantiputta replied that if a Shudra had wealth or corn or gold or silver, he could have as his obedient servant another Shudra to get up earlier than he, to go to rest later, to carry out his orders, to speak politely; or he could even have a Kshatriya or a Brahmana or a Vaishya as his obedient servant.</p> <p>Kanchana asked: "This being so, are not these four varnas exactly the same?"</p> <p>Avantiputta conceded that there was no difference amongst the varnas on this count.</p> <p>(a) Why did the Brahmana consider themselves superior to other caste? (b) How could a Shudra improve his status according to Kanchana? (c) What does this story reveal about Buddhist attitude towards Varna?</p>	<p>1 1 2</p>
33	<p>Read the source carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tomorrow we shall break the salt tax law"</p> <p>On 5 April, 1930, Mahatma Gandhi spoke at Dandi:</p> <p>When I left Sabarmati with my companions for this seaside hamlet of Dandi, I was not certain in my mind that we would be allowed to reach this place. Even while I was at Sabarmati there was a rumour that I might be arrested. I had thought that the Government might perhaps let my party come as far as Dandi, but not me certainly. If someone says that this betrays imperfect faith on my part, I shall not deny the charge. That I have reached here is in no small measure due to the power of peace and non-violence: that power is universally felt. The Government may, if it wishes, congratulate itself on acting as it has done, for it could have arrested every one of us. In saying that it did not have the courage to arrest this army of peace, we praise it. It felt ashamed to arrest such an army. He is a civilised man who feels ashamed to do anything which his neighbours would disapprove. The Government deserves to be congratulated on not arresting us, even if it desisted only from fear of world opinion.</p> <p>Tomorrow we shall break the salt tax law. Whether the Government will tolerate that is a different question. It may not tolerate it, but it deserves congratulations on the patience and forbearance it has displayed in regard to this party.</p> <p>(a) What were the apprehensions of Mahatma Gandhi when he started his Dandi March? (b) Why did Gandhiji say that the Government deserved appreciation? (c) Why was the 'Salt March' very significant?</p>	<p>1 1 2</p>
<p>SECTION E MAP BASED QUESTIONS</p>		<p>5</p>
34	<p>34.1 On the given political map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols:</p> <p>(a) Lothal, A major harappan site (b) Vijayanagara (c) Lucknow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(d) Awadh</p> <p>34.2 On the same map, two places are marked as A and B. Identify and write their correct names.</p>	<p>3 2</p>



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