

U.G./P.G. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021

HISTORY

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Part I (Objective Questions)

*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Which is the only Indus site where the remains of a horse have actually been found ?
 - (a) Mohenjodaro.
 - (b) Surkotada.
 - (c) Dholavira.
 - (d) Sutkagendor.
2. Which was probably the most popular assembly where women enjoyed considerable status along with the male counterpart in the early Vedic society ?
 - (a) Jana.
 - (b) Sabha.
 - (c) Samiti.
 - (d) Vidata.
3. Mahavira preached in the :
 - (a) Magadhi.
 - (b) Ardha-Magadhi.
 - (c) Suraseni.
 - (d) Apabhramsa.
4. Which officer was in charge of the districts in the Mauryan empire ?
 - (a) Rajuka.
 - (b) Nagarika
 - (c) Gopa.
 - (d) Sthanika.
5. Which of the following is NOT a work of Romila Thapar ?
 - (a) Interpreting Early India.
 - (b) Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas.
 - (c) From Lineage to State.
 - (d) The Wonder That was India.
6. Who among the following historians is NOT connected with Feudalism Debate ?
 - (a) Harbans Mukhia.
 - (b) R. S. Sharma.
 - (c) Bipan Chandra.
 - (d) B. D. Chattopadhyaya.

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7. The largest number of copper coins were issued by the :
- (a) Kushanas. (b) Satavahanas.
(c) Guptas. (d) Sakas.
8. Who wrote Rajatarangini ?
- (a) Kamandaka. (b) Vishakadatta.
(c) Kalhana. (d) Somadeva.
9. Who among the following differentiated externalised history from embedded history in locating Indian historical tradition ?
- (a) D. N. Jha. (b) R. Champakalakshmi.
(c) D. D. Kosambi. (d) Romila Thapar.
10. Which style of temple architecture is also known as Chalukyan or Deccan Style ?
- (a) Vesara. (b) Nagra.
(c) Dravida (d) Gandhara.
11. Which Chinese Buddhist pilgrim visited Harsha's empire ?
- (a) Fahien. (b) Hiuen Tsang.
(c) Itsing. (d) Wang Hiuen Tse.
12. Who authored Ponniyin Selvan, a historical novel that is being made as a feature film in Tamil ?
- (a) Gokul Seshadri. (b) Kalki R Krisnamurti.
(c) Maayuram Vedanayakam Pillai. (d) Sandilyan.
13. Which Chola King gave permission to the Sailendra ruler of Sri Vijaya to build a Buddhist Vihara at Nagapattinam ?
- (a) Rajaraja I. (b) Rajendra I.
(c) Rajendra II. (d) Rajaraja II.
14. What was Kharaj ?
- (a) A Tribute. (b) Booty.
(c) Land Tax. (d) Gift.

15. Chahalgani or Chalisa came into existence during the reign of :
- (a) Alauddin Khilji. (b) Raziya.
(c) Iltutmish. (d) Balban.
16. Who was the Sultan of Delhi credited with the construction of largest network of canals in India ?
- (a) Ghiyas ud din Tughluq.
(b) Allaudin Khilji.
(c) Mohammed bin Tughluq.
(d) Firoz Shah Thugluq.
17. Which was the standard coin of the Mughals ?
- (a) Silver Rupaya. (b) Gold Muhar.
(c) Copper Dam. (d) Gold Pagoda.
18. Who were the bankers for the wealthy traders in Mughal India ?
- (a) Shroffs. (b) Sahus and Mahajans.
(c) Dalals. (d) Banjaras.
19. Which of the following was an advance contract system for procuring commercial crops in Mughal India ?
- (a) Hundi. (b) Sarais.
(c) Dadni. (d) Paibaqi.
20. During whose reign tobacco was introduced in Mughal India ?
- (a) Babur. (b) Humayun.
(c) Akbar. (d) Shahjahan.
21. Who was in charge of Mughal city administration ?
- (a) Muhtasib. (b) Kotwal.
(c) Mir Bakshi. (d) Khan I Saman.
22. Who wrote Tabaqat- i- Akbari ?
- (a) Nizam ud din Ahmad. (b) Badauni.
(c) Abdul Fazl. (d) Shah Abbas.

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23. Who identified the use of Persian Wheel in Lahore, Sirhind and Dipalpur ?
- (a) Babur. (b) Akbar.
(c) Jahangir. (d) Shajahan.
24. Who among the following wrote about the potentialities of capitalist development in Mughal India ?
- (a) Athar Ali. (b) Satish Chandra.
(c) Shireen Moosvi. (d) Irfan Habib.
25. What is the focus of Dadabhai Naoroji's work, Poverty and Un- British Rule in India ?
- (a) European Exploration of Asia.
(b) Drain of Wealth from India to Britain.
(c) Indian National Movement.
(d) Rise of Indian Nationalism.
26. Who interpreted Gandhian strategy as Struggle-Truce-Struggle ?
- (a) Sumit Sarkar. (b) Aditya Mukherjee.
(c) Mridula Mukherjee. (d) Bipan Chandra.
27. Who among the following initiated subaltern history ?
- (a) David Arnold. (b) Partha Chatterjee.
(c) Ranajit Guha. (d) Ramachandra Guha.
28. Which of the following works is NOT authored by Jawaharlal Nehru ?
- (a) Glimpses of World History.
(b) Discovery of India.
(c) An Autobiography India.
(d) After Gandhi.
29. Who drafted the Hindu Widow's Remarriage Act of 1856 ?
- (a) Dalhousie. (b) Canning.
(c) Auckland. (d) William Bentick.

30. Who is generally regarded as the father of local self government in India ?
- (a) Curzon. (b) Mayo.
(c) Ripon. (d) Cornwallis.
31. Arrange the Viceroy's in the correct chronological sequence :
- (i) Linlithgow. (ii) Wavell. (iii) Irwin. (iv) Mountbatten. (v) Wellington
- Select the answer from the codes given below :
- (a) v, i, iii, ii and iv. (b) ii, iii, v, i and iv.
(c) iii, v, i, ii and iv. (d) i, v, iii, ii and iv.
32. Which one of the following is correctly matched ?
- (a) Woods Despatch-Primary Education.
(b) Hunter Commission-Secondary Education.
(c) Raleigh Commission-University Education.
(d) Sadler Commission-Rejection of filtration theory.
33. Who among the following called the 1857 Revolt as the First War of Indian Independence ?
- (a) V. D. Savarkar. (b) R. C. Majumdar.
(c) Sir James Outram. (d) Sir John Lawrence.
34. Who among the following attended all the three Round Table Conferences ?
- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru. (b) Mohammed Ali Jinnah.
(c) B. R. Ambedkar. (d) M. K. Gandhi.
35. Which among the following event marks Mahatma Gandhi's first fast unto death ?
- (a) Kheda Satyagraha. (b) Rowlatt Satyagraha.
(c) Champaran Satyagraha. (d) Ahmedabad Mill Strike.
36. Who made the historic Tryst with Destiny speech ?
- (a) M. K. Gandhi. (b) Jawaharlal Nehru.
(c) Rajendra Prasad. (d) B. R. Ambedkar.

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37. The famous work Hortus Malabaricus deals with :
- (a) Medicinal plants and flora of the Kerala coast.
 - (b) Dutch expansion in Kerala.
 - (c) Pepper trade.
 - (d) European rivalry in Malabar.
38. Who made a detailed study of the rock carvings at Edakkal ?
- (a) Fawcett.
 - (b) H. D. Sankalia.
 - (c) Mortimer Wheeler.
 - (d) William Logan.
39. Who among the following assumed the title of 'Lord of the Indian Seas' ?
- (a) Kunjali III.
 - (b) Kunjali IV.
 - (c) Kutti Ali.
 - (d) Kunjali II.
40. The Synod of Diamper was held in :
- (a) 1597.
 - (b) 1598.
 - (c) 1599.
 - (d) 1600.
41. Who among the Travancore Rajah stopped the practice of Suchindram Kaimukku ?
- (a) Marthanda Varma.
 - (b) Dharma Raja.
 - (c) Swati Tirunal.
 - (d) Ayilyam Tirunal.
42. Who founded the organisation Samatva Samajam ?
- (a) Swami Vagbhatananda.
 - (b) Vaikunta Swami.
 - (c) Brahmananda Sivayogi.
 - (d) Chattampi Swamikal.
43. Who considered the work of historian as the exact recreation of the past as it was ?
- (a) E. H. Carr.
 - (b) Leopold von Ranke.
 - (c) R. G. Collingwood.
 - (d) Oswald Spengler.
44. Who among the following used a geo structural method in history writing ?
- (a) Fernand Braudel.
 - (b) Marc Bloch.
 - (c) Pierre Nora.
 - (d) Eric Hobsbawm.

45. Centuries of Childhood, the work by Phillipe Aries belongs to the genre of :
- (a) New Political History. (b) Cultural History.
(c) Mentalities History. (d) Environmental History.
46. Discourse as a method for historical analysis was developed by :
- (a) Lucien Febvre. (b) E. P. Thompson.
(c) Hayden White. (d) Michel Foucault.
47. Which of the following is a feature of the Annales School ?
- (a) Interdisciplinary Methodology. (b) Total History.
(c) Problem Oriented History. (d) All of the above.
48. The great Italian thinker who conceptualised the theory of Cultural Hegemony is :
- (a) Louis Althusser. (b) Antonio Gramsci.
(c) Max Weber. (d) Jacques Derrida.
49. Who is the most celebrated author of, Sapiens : A Brief History of Humankind ?
- (a) Jared Diamond. (b) Natalie Zemon Davies.
(c) Yuval Noah Harari. (d) Alice Roberts.
50. Which of the following is NOT a primary source for the historian ?
- (a) Gazetteer. (b) Personal Diary.
(c) Books and Articles. (d) Feature Films.

(50 × 1 = 50 marks)

Part II (Descriptive Questions)

Answer in English only.

Answer any five questions from the following in 200 words.

1. Comment on the historiographical traditions of ancient India based on the writings of Romila Thapar.
2. Elucidate the views and arguments of R. S. Sharma and Harbans Mukhia with regard to the question of Indian Feudalism.
3. What do you know about the irrigation system in medieval India ?

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4. Examine the growth of trade and commerce in Mughal India.
5. Discuss the Nature of 1857 Revolt.
6. Make an assessment of the leadership that Nehru provided in the initial building up of the Nation.
7. What are the major sources for the study of ancient Kerala ?
8. How did the British control the administration and politics of Travancore and Cochin ?
9. Point out the legacy of the Annales School.
10. What is Post Modern History ?

(5 × 10 = 50 marks)

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