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History (027)
CLASS-XII**

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hrs

General Instructions:

- (i) Question paper comprises five Sections – A, B, C, D and E. There are 34 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Section A – Question 1 to 21 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
- (iii) Section B – Question no. 22 to 27 is Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60-80 words.
- (iv) Section C - Question no 28 to 30 are Long Answer Type Questions, carrying 8 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 300-350 words.
- (v) Section D – Question no.31 to 33 are Source based questions with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each.
- (vi) Section E - Question no. 34 is Map based, carrying 5 marks that includes the identification and location of significant test items. Attach the map with the answer book.
- (vii) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.
- (viii) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

Section A

(21×1=21)

Q1. Which one of the following statement(s) is/are correct about the subsistence strategies of Harappa?

- (1) Archaeologists have reconstructed dietary practices from finds of charred grains and seeds.
 - (2) Archaeo-botanists have studied grains found at Harappa like millets, barley, etc.
 - (3) Animals were domesticated according to archeo-botanists.
- (A) (1) and (2) only
(B) (2) and (3) only
(C) (1), (2) and (3)
(D) (2) only

Q2. Which of the following is NOT considered as a possible reason for the end of Harappan?

- (A) Floods (B) Climate changes
(C) Afforestation (D) All of the above

Q3. James Prinsep was able to decipher Asokan Brahmi in the year.....?

- (A) 1835 (B) 1838
(C) 1856 (D) 1738

Q4. Two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are given below. Read them carefully and select the correct option:

Assertion (A): To some extent, exchanges were facilitated by the introduction of coinage.

Reason (R): These coins facilitated long-distance transactions from which kings also benefited.

- (A) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (B) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (C) A is true but R is false.
- (D) A is false and R is true.

Q5. Which among the following was a strategy adopted by the Brahmanas to enforce the varna order?

- (A) Assert that varna order was a human creation.
- (B) Advised kings to punish those who violated these norms.
- (C) Persuaded people that their status was determined by birth.
- (D) Persuaded people that their status was determined by occupations they practised.

Q6. Which of these principles of Jainism left its mark on Indian thinking as a whole?

- (A) Equality
- (B) Right Action
- (C) Respect for teacher/guru
- (D) Ahimsa

Q7. Identify the Picture from the given options.



- A. sculpture from Sanchi
- B. Coat of arms of Kushana rulers
- C. Ashoka Pillar of Sarnath
- D. A sculpture from Amrawati

Q8. Identify the person based on information given bellow-

- (i)- He was a jeweller by profession
- (ii)- He belong to France and travelled India six times in his life.

Options:

- (a) Tavernier (b) Francois Bernier
- (c) Peter mundy (d) Duarte Barbosa

Q9 - Consider the following statements-

- i Bernier's description influenced Western theorists from the fifteenth century onwards.
- ii Montesquieu used this account to develop the idea of oriental despotism.
- iii. Bernier's idea was developed as the Asiatic mode of production by Karl Marx.
- iv. According to Bernier, the Mughal Imperial Court presided over village communities.

Choose the correct options:

- (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- (c) (i), (iii) and (iv) (d) (i), (ii) and (iv)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Al-Biruni's description of the caste system.

- i Al-Biruni disapproved of the notion of pollution.
- ii He suggested that social division was unique to India.
- iii He believed the concept of social pollution, intrinsic to the caste system was contrary to the laws of nature.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) i and ii
- (b) i and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) ii and iii

Q11. Two statements as Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are given below. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Assertion (A): Mirabai was the woman poet of Nirguna Bhakti tradition.

Reason (R): She has been recognized as a source of inspiration for centuries.

A. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are correct and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

B. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are correct, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

C. Assertion (A) is correct, but Reason (R) is incorrect.

D. Assertion (A) is incorrect, but Reason (R) is correct.

Q12. Who among the following was the mentor of Amir Khusrau ?

- A. Shaikh Nasiruddin Chiragh-i-Delhi B. Shaikh Muinuddin Chishti
- C. Shaikh Salim Chishti D. Shaikh Nizamuddin Auliya

Q13. Third part of Ain-i-Akbari known as "Mulk Abadi" is related to:

- (A) Social Aspect of the Mughal Empire (B) Fiscal Aspect of the Mughal Empire
- (C) Administrative Aspect of the Mughal Empire (D) None of the Above

Q14. Two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are given below. Read them carefully and select the correct option:

Assertion: The peasants were mostly involved in agricultural production.

Reason: Peasants held their lands in individual ownership.

Codes:

- (A) Both assertion and reason are true, but reason is the correct explanation of assertion.
- (B) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.
- (C) Assertion is false, but reason is true

(D) Assertion is true, but reason is false

Q15. Which of the following statement is incorrect related to Santhals?

(A) They had moved into this area around 1800, displaced the hill folk who lived on these lower slopes, cleared the forests, and settled the Rajmahal ranges.

(B) By 1832 a large area of land was demarcated as Damin-i-Koh. This was declared to be the land of the Santhals.

(C) They cleared the forest and plough the land.

(D) They practiced shifting cultivation.

Q16. Which one of the following was a significant criticism of the Permanent Settlement?

(A) It led to the exploitation of peasants by zamindars.

(B) The British contacted the peasants directly.

(C) The system increased the influence of tribal communities.

(D) This system resulted in Bombay-Deccan riots.

Q17. Match the leaders with the places of revolt:

Column A (Rebel Leaders)

Column B (Places)

A Rani Lakshmbai

i. Kanpur

B Nana Sahib

ii. Faizabad (Awadh)

C Kunwar Singh

iii. Jhansi

D Maulvi Ahmadullah shah

iv. Arrah

Options:

A. A–iii, B–i, C–iv, D–ii

B. A–i, B–iii, C–ii, D–iv

C. A–iv, B–ii, C–i, D–iii

D. A–ii, B–iv, C–iii, D–i

Q18. “In Memoriam” was dedicated by the artist to the Christian heroism of “British Ladies in India during the Mutiny of 1857. Who was the artist of this famous art?

(A) Henry Lawrence

(B) Thomas Jones Barker

(C) Joseph Noel Paton

(D) Francie Grant

Q19. Mahatma Gandhi illustrated his tactical wisdom by picking on Salt Monopoly. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct to prove this?

1. State Monopoly over salt was deeply unpopular.

2. People were forbidden from making salt for even domestic use.

3. Salt was not an essential item.

Choose the correct option:

(A) (1) and (2) only (B) (2) and (3) only

(C) (1), (2) and (3) (D) (2) only

Q20. Consider the following events

1. Cabinet Mission 2. Cripps Mission

3. Khilafat Movement 4. Pakistan Resolution

The correct chronological order of these events is:

(A) 4, 3, 2, 1 (B) 4, 3, 1, 2

(C) 3, 4, 1, 2 (D) 3, 4, 2, 1

Q21 Who among the followings declared that separate electorate act as a poison that will enter the politics of our country.

- (A) Subhash Chandra Bose
- (B) Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- (C) Mahatma Gandhi
- (D) S. N. Mukherjee

Section B

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

(6×3=18)

Q22. Explain how archeologists have been able to reconstruct dietary practices of the Harappans.

OR

Explain the agricultural practices and technologies of the Harappans.

Q23. What role did popular belief play in the sculpture at Sanchi?

Q24. How did European travelers account shape perceptions of India?

Q25. Examine the role of the village panchayat in the mughal rural society?

Q26. Examine the circumstances that led the Deccan Ryots to revolt against the moneylenders during the colonial period? Explain.

OR

Examine the impact of 'Limitation Laws' passed by the British in 1859.

Q27. By 1922, Gandhiji had transformed Indian nationalism. Examine the statement.

SECTION C

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTION

(3×8=24)

Q28. Describe the contribution of V.S. Sukthankar in reconstructing social history through the critical edition of Mahabharata.

OR

Describe the life of untouchables in the ancient period?

Q29. "A chain of grievances in Awadh linked the prince, taluqdars, peasants and sepoys to join hands in the revolt of 1857 against the British." Examine the statement.

Q30. Examine the distinctive aspects of the fortification of the Vijaynagara empire?

OR

Explain how the Amar-nayaka system worked very successfully during the lifetime of Krishnadeva Raya. Explain the role of the Amar nayaka system after his death?

SECTION-D

Source Based Questions

(3×4=12)

Q31. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Sudarshana lake was an artificial reservoir. We know about it from a rock inscription (c. second century CE) in Sanskrit, composed to record the achievements of the Shaka ruler Rudradaman. The inscription mentions that the lake, with embankments and water channels, was built by a local governor during the rule of the Mauryas. However, a terrible storm broke the embankments and water gushed out of the lake. Rudradaman, who was then ruling in the area, claimed to have got the lake repaired using his own resources, without imposing any tax on his subjects. Another inscription on the same rock (c. fifth century) mentions how one of the rulers of the Gupta dynasty got the lake repaired once again.

1. Who has built the Sudarshan Lake at Girnar? (1)
2. How do we get to know about the Sudarshan lake? (1)
3. What type of irrigations was used by farmers during early historic period? (2)

Q32. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The One Lord

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 in words that we invent. Kabir says they are both mistaken. Neither can find the only Ram. One kills the goat, the other cows. They waste their lives in disputation.

Questions :

1. Name any two scriptures, in which verses, ascribed to Kabir, have been compiled? (1)
2. How did Kabir describe the 'Ultimate Reality'? (1)
3. Explain the arguments give by Kabir against the lords of the world of different communities? (2)

Q33. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Ambedkar on separate electorates

In response to Mahatma Gandhi's opposition to the demand for separate electorates for the Depressed Classes, Ambedkar wrote. Here "is a Class which is undoubtedly not in a position to sustain itself in the struggle for existence. The religion, to which they are tied, instead of providing them an honourable place, brands them as lepers, not fit for ordinary intercourse. Economically, it is a class entirely dependent upon the high-caste Hindus for earning its daily bread with no independent way of living open to it. Nor are all ways closed by reason of the social prejudices of the Hindus but there is a definite attempt all through our Hindu Society to bolt every possible door so as not to allow the Depressed Classes any opportunity to rise in the scale of life. In these circumstances, it would be granted by all fairminded persons that as the only path for a community so handicapped to succeed in the struggle for life against organised tyranny, some share of political power in order that it may protect itself is a paramount necessity.

1. Examine the arguments given in favour of separate electorate for depressed classes, by Dr Ambedkar and give your reactions. (1)

2. Describe the position of economically depressed class. (1)

3. Suggest some other ways to provide an honourable position to depressed classes. (2)

SECTION-E

Map Work

(1×5=5)

Q34. On the given political map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbol :

(i) Kalibangan, a Harappan site (1)

(ii) Amaravati stupa (1)

OR

Sanchi stupa

(iii) Agra (Territory under the Mughals) (1)

(iv) Ahmedabad (1)

(v) Delhi (1)

