Four-Year Under-Graduate Programme (NEP 2020) Examination, 2025 Semester – IV

AIHC&A and History

Course - MJAH-07 (Common Paper)

History of India – III (750-1300 CE)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value
Answer any five questions

- 1. Critically explain two major historiographical schools in India.
- 2. What was the nature of the state in early medieval India?
- 3. Briefly explain the political structure of the Chandellas and Kalachuris as important regional powers in Central India.
- 4. Discuss the origin and administration of the Somavamshis.
- 5. State the origin of the Palas. What was the administrative structure of the Palas?
- 6. Who were the Gurjara-Pratiharas? Describe their important role in maintaining the Kanauj polity.
- 7. Give an analytical note on the Chola state and administration.
- 8. Give a comprehensive study on the 'Puranic Religion' between 700 CE and 1300 CE.
- 9. What was the nature of the economy in early medieval India? Do you think Feudalism consumed the agrarian structure?
- 10. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - a. Religious institutions.
 - b. Temple patronage.
 - c. Arab invasion in Sindh.
 - d. Mahmud of Ghazni.

Undergraduate Examination, 2025 Semester-IV (NEP) Course: MJHIC08 History/AIHC&A (Common Paper) History of India-IV (1206-1526)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

All questions are of equal value Answer *any four* questions

- 1. What were the challenges that Qutbuddin Aibak faced in claiming authority after the death of Muhammad Ghori?
- 2. 'The *Iqta* system was not just a revenue arrangement—it shaped politics too.' Explain.
- 3. In what ways did Balban reinforce the authority and image of the Delhi Sultan?
- 4. How do you see Alauddin Khalji's market and military reforms? Do you see them as moves for survival or instruments of statecraft?
- 5. Was Muhammad bin Tughlaq ahead of his time or just a confused ruler? Discuss.
- 6. How did Bhakti movement influence society and religion in medieval India?
- 7. Briefly describe the administration of the Vijaynagara Empire.
- 8. Write a note on the significance of the contemporary historians in shaping the narrative of the Delhi Sultanate.

Undergraduate Examination, 2025 Semester-IV (NEP) History/AIHC&A (Common Paper) Course: MJHIC-09

Medieval India: History of India V (1526-1707)

Questions are of equal value Answer *any four* questions

Time: 3 Hours Full Marks: 80

- 1. What are the chief sources for the study of the Mughal Empire? Do you think Abul Fazl was an unbiased chronicler?
- 2. Write a critical essay on the career and achievements of the first Mughal Emperor Babur.
- 3. Describe the merits and demerits of Sher Shah's revenue administration.
- 4. Account for the gradual evolution of Akbar's religious policy.
- 5. Describe the growth of trade and commerce during the seventeenth century.
- 6. Examine the chief features of the Mansabdari system under the Mughals.
- 7. What do you know about Aurangzeb's Deccan policy? What were its consequences?
- 8. Write an essay on the decline of the Mughal Empire.

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> Questions are of equal value Answer *any four* questions

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

- What were the causes of the Anglo-Mysore conflict? Account for the success of the British.
- 2. The 18th century was a period of continuity, not change. Comment.
- Give an account of the legal reforms initiated by the English East India Company till
 the first half of the 19th century.
- 4. What were the consequences of the Permanent Settlement? Was it a pro-zamindari system?
- Describe the main educational reforms introduced by the British in the first half of the 19th century.
- 6. Describe the main features of the social and religious reform movements in the first half of the nineteenth century.
- 7. Discuss the nature of the 1857 movement.
- 8. The Battle of Plassey had far reaching consequences. Comment.

Four Year Undergraduate Programme- AIHC&A (Minor) Examination, 2025 Semester- IV

Subject- Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology Paper- [MNAH02]- Archaeological Cultures of India

Time: 3 Hours Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer any five questions

- 1. What is archaeology and how does it help reconstruct the past in the absence of written records?
- 2. What are the characteristic features of the Lower Palaeolithic culture in India and which are its major sites?
- 3. How did human technology and subsistence patterns evolve during the Palaeolithic period in India?
- 4. What are the key features of the Neolithic culture in Northern India, particularly in the Ganga Valley?
- 5. How did the Neolithic culture develop in Central and North-Eastern India and what makes it distinct?
- 6. What were the major cultural and technological characteristics of Chalcolithic cultures in India?
- 7. What archaeological evidence supports the origin and urban development of the Harappan Civilization?
- 8. What do the seals, pottery, and burial practices of the Indus Valley Civilization tell us about their culture and beliefs?
- 9. How do Iron Age remains help in understanding political and cultural changes during the Early Historic period in India?
- 10. How do megalithic burials and associated material culture inform us about the social and ritual life of Iron Age communities?