

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-V (NEP)
HISTORY
Course Code: MNH1-03 (Minor)

Making of Contemporary India, 1948-2001

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Discuss the nature of the Partition of India in 1947. To what extent did it affect Bengal and Assam?
2. Analyse the role of B. R. Ambedkar in the framing of the Indian Constitution.
3. Discuss, with examples, how the princely states were integrated into India after Independence.
4. What was the vision of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru regarding the building of a new India?
5. Discuss the rise of Indira Gandhi in Indian politics and her role in the Bangladesh War of 1971.
6. Analyse the causes and consequences of the J. P. (Jayaprakash Narayan) Movement.
7. Discuss Operation Blue Star in 1984 and its consequences.
8. Describe the main features of the domestic policies of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Undergraduate Examination, 2025

Semester-V

HISTORY (NEP)

Course: MJHIC-12

Society, Economy and Culture in Ancient and Early Medieval World

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Discuss the various theories about the origin of farming.
2. What were the consequences of food production for human beings?
3. Compare the patterns of early agriculture (before 6000 BCE) in Southern China and Northern China.
4. Write a critical note on early American agriculture (8000 BCE onwards).
5. What is a civilisation? How do historians distinguish between 'primary' and 'secondary' civilisations?
6. Sumer has been described as the 'cradle of civilisations'. What features of this civilisation make this description apt?
7. Give an account of the Old Kingdom in Egypt. In what ways did the Middle Kingdom differ from it?
8. No ancient civilisations have left such a legacy of myth and legend as the Minoans and Mycenaeans of the Aegean Bronze Age. Explain.

Undergraduate Examination, 2025
Semester-V
HISTORY (NEP)
Course: MJHIC-13

Rise of Modern West-I (1453-1600)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Discuss the main features of the Transition Debate.
2. What do you understand by the term Colombian Exchange?
3. What were the circumstances which led to the rise of Renaissance Humanism in 14th Century Europe?
4. What were the main features of the Lutheran Reformation? Did Luther, at the beginning, intend to achieve a complete break with the Catholic Church?
5. What were the main reasons for the Thirty Years' War? Was it mainly a religious war?
6. What were the reasons for the rise of the absolutist state in Europe? Give one example of the rise of an absolutist state.
7. What were the main features of the Price Revolution in 17th Century Europe?
8. What were the consequences of the Commercial Revolution for the rise of Capitalism in Europe?

Undergraduate Examination, 2025

Semester-V

HISTORY (NEP)

MJHIC-11 (Common)

History of India (1858-1947)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Discuss in detail the historiography of the Indian nationalist movement.
2. How far was Syed Ahmad Khan successful in safeguarding the interests of the Indian Muslims?
3. How did Hindu revivalism influence extremist politics in colonial India?
4. Was Partition of Bengal (1905) an administrative necessity?
5. Analyse the emergence of Gandhi in Indian politics.
6. Write a critical note on Khilafat and Non Co-operation Movement.
7. Analyse the major political trends during 1922-1929.
8. What were the factors that led to the launching of the Quit India movement?
What was its outcome?

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
HISTORY
Course: Group-A: DSE-1 (Optional)
History of Medieval Bengal (c. 1200–1707)

Questions are of equal value

Attempt **any four** questions

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

1. Examine the pre-Islamic traditions of Bengal and assess the impact of Islam on its socio-cultural fabric.
2. How did the Ilyas Shahi Sultans utilize imperial symbols and pan-Islamism to establish their legitimacy?
3. Analyse the role of Hindu chieftains in shaping an intermediary rural aristocracy.
4. Evaluate the significance of coinage and riverine communication in consolidating political and economic power under the Bengal Sultanate.
5. Examine how horse trade influenced Bengal's political economy in the Middle Ages.
6. How did Vaishnava literature contribute to the development of the Bengali language?
7. Critically analyse the architectural innovations and distinctive features under the Bengal Sultanate.
8. Examine the nature and implications of Bengal's period of virtual independence (1204–1338).

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
Course: CC-12 (Compulsory)
History of India-VII (1857-1947)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Explain the character of the Indian nationalist movement with special reference to the arguments of the Nationalist and Subaltern schools of historians.
2. Critically discuss the foundation of the Indian National Congress. Does the Safety Valve Theory satisfactorily explain its foundation?
3. Do you think there was an interconnection between Hindu revivalism and the rise of extremism?
4. Trace the factors behind the rise of separatist Muslim politics. What led to the foundation of the All-India Muslim League?
5. Do you think the Khilafat issue paved the way for the Non-Cooperation movement? How far was the movement successful in forging Hindu-Muslim unity?
6. Discuss the major trends of Indian politics between 1922 and 1929.
7. Identify the various stages of the Quit India Movement of 1942. Would you call it a spontaneous revolution?
8. What led to the foundation of INA? What was the impact of the INA on India's freedom struggle?

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
HISTORY
Course: Group-B: DSE-1 (Optional)
History of Russia- I (1861–1924)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. What was the significance of the emancipation of Serfs in 1861?
2. Discuss the salient features of the Narodnik Movement.
3. Write a critique on the Party Split in Russia in 1903.
4. Analyse the background and significance of the Russian Revolution of 1905.
5. Do you think that the October Revolution of 1917 is a landmark in the history of Russia?
6. Analyse the background and impact of the Russian Civil War.
7. Discuss the nature of War Communism. Why did it fail?
8. Do you think that the New Economic Policy of Lenin was a retreat from socialism?

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
History
Course: CC-11 (Compulsory)
History of Modern Europe-I (1789–1871)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Evaluate the responsibility of the Bourbon monarchy in the French Revolution in 1789.
2. Discuss the achievements of the National Convention.
3. Review the military career of Napoleon Bonaparte.
4. Do you think the Continental System contributed to the downfall of Napoleon Bonaparte?
5. Assess the significance of the Concert of Europe in European politics.
6. Write a critique on the Crimean War.
7. Discuss the reforms of Czar Alexander II.
8. How did Bismarck unify Germany?

B.A. Examination, 2024
Semester-V
HISTORY
Course: Group-B: DSE-2 (Optional)
History of Russia II (1924–1953)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. How did Stalin acquire supreme power after the death of Lenin?
2. What is the significance of the Five-Year Plans of Stalin?
3. How did Collectivisation take place? Discuss its consequences.
4. Critically analyse the Stalinist policy towards religion.
5. Discuss the main features of the Constitution of 1936. Do you think it was a democratic constitution?
6. What is Purge? Analyse its significance.
7. Do you think that Stalin was a dictator?
8. Critically analyse the development of Russian foreign policy during the 1920s and 1930s.

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
Course: Group-A: DSE-2 (Optional)
History of Colonial Bengal (1707-1947)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Make a critical analysis of the effect of western education in colonial Bengal.
2. Do you think that the foundation of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) in 1876 initiated a new chapter in Bengal's engagement with science?
3. How far did Bengali participation in the gramophone industry help to promote a new aural culture in colonial Bengal?
4. Do you think that proscenium theatre opened up a potential for satiating political aspirations of the common people of colonial Bengal?
5. Do you think that Ramakrishna tradition was successful in replacing Brahmo Samaj movement?
6. Make a critical analysis of the labour movement in Bengal in the first half of twentieth century.
7. How did Bengal School of Art serve the cause of nationalism during the first half of twentieth-century Bengal?
8. How did sports get integrated with the social fabric of colonial Bengal?

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
HISTORY
Course: Group-C: DSE-2 (Optional)
History of Medieval Europe: Social and Economic History

Questions are of equal value

Attempt **any four** questions

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

1. Analyse the emergence of feudalism in medieval Europe, with special reference to Perry Anderson.
2. Examine the role of knights in medieval society and the cultural significance of tournaments.
3. In what ways did Christian culture influence dietary practices and shared culinary traditions in medieval Europe?
4. Discuss the impact of long-distance trade on the economic transformation of medieval Europe.
5. Assess the role of guilds and trade organizations in shaping urban life and economic networks in medieval Europe.
6. Assess the causes and patterns of social mobility in Europe from the 11th century onwards.
7. Discuss the evolution of medieval art, focusing on its styles and defining features.
8. Evaluate the First Crusade as a religious and political movement within the broader framework of the Crusades.

B.A. Examination, 2024 (CBCS)
Semester-V
HISTORY
Course: Group-C: DSE-1 (Optional)
History of Medieval Europe: Political History

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Discuss the rise of the Carolingian Dynasty with special reference to the military achievements of Charlemagne.
2. Critically analyse the significance of the coronation of Charlemagne.
3. Why is the Treaty of Verdun considered to be a landmark in the history of Europe?
4. Analyse the measures adopted by Otto I to build a strong German state.
5. Evaluate the political and religious achievements of Henry III.
6. Critically discuss the nature of conflict between Henry IV, the nobles and the Pope. What was its outcome?
7. Explain why Pope Gregory VII and Urban II are famous in the history of Europe.
8. Do you think Frederick Barbarossa was one of the greatest emperors of the Middle Ages?