

FOR BACK CANDIDATES ONLY

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2026
Semester-VI (CBCS)**

HISTORY

**Course: CC-13 (Compulsory)
History of India VIII (1948-2001)**

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Why did Sumit Sarkar describe the months following Partition (1947) to be M.K. Gandhi's 'finest hour'?
2. Why did the constituent assembly provide reservation for SCs and STs but not for women or minorities?
3. What was the 'Operation Polo'? Describe the events that led to the 'Operations Polo'.
4. Do you think that the reorganisation of Indian states on the basis of language has been good for India in the long run? Give reasons.
5. Critically discuss Nehru's foreign policy with special reference to China.
6. Give an account of Indira Gandhi's rise to power till the national election of 1971.
7. Was the declaration of Internal Emergency of 1975 unavoidable? What was the popular reaction to it?
8. What were the major planks of Rajiv Gandhi's domestic policy during his premiership (1984-1989)?

B.A. Examination, 2026 (NEP)
Semester-VI
HISTORY
Course: MNH103

Making of Contemporary India, 1948-2001

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

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

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

B.A. Examination, 2026 (NEP)
Semester-VI
History
Course- MJHIC14
Rise of Modern West-II

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. What were the important features of the 17th century crisis?
2. Briefly explain why the 17th century crisis did not occur in Holland and England.
3. Why is the English Revolution called 'Glorious'? Explain the causes of the Glorious Revolution.
4. What was the origin of the Scientific Revolution? Did the Renaissance play a part in the Scientific Revolution?
5. Explain the notion of mercantilism? What role did mercantilism play in French economic policy in the second half of the 17th century?
6. What was the nature of the French state in the 18th century?
7. What were the political and economic causes of the American Revolution?
8. What was the nature of the English state and economy on the eve of the Industrial Revolution?

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**B. A. Examination, 2026
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HISTORY
Course: DSE-3 (Group-C)
History of Modern East Asia-1 (China, 1839-1945)**

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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

1. How did China's relations with the West change after 1839?
2. How did opium lead to the 1839-42 war? Discuss.
3. 'Taiping Movement was a revolution, not just a peasant rebellion' - Comment.
4. Describe the role of the KMT and CCP in the political history of China.
5. Write a note on Mao Tse-Tung's revolution strategy.
6. Explain **any two** of the following:
 - a. Treaty of Nanking
 - b. Chinese Communist Party
 - c. Trade Guild
 - d. Sun Yat-sen
7. Describe **any two** of the following:
 - a. Canton Trade
 - b. Co-Hong
 - c. Sino-Japanese relations
 - d. Chinese Culture
8. What were the socio-political and economic circumstances in China during the inter-war period (1918-1939)?

B.A. Examination, 2026 (NEP)
Semester-VI
History
Course: MJHIC15
History of Modern Europe- 1 (1789-1871)

Time: 3hrs

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value
Answer *any four* questions taking *two* from each group

Group A

1. Examine the role of Philosophers in the causation of French Revolution of 1789.
2. Assess the impact of the Aristocratic Revolt in the course of the French Revolution.
3. Evaluate the work of the Constituent Assembly in France.
4. Trace the circumstances leading to the early success of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Group B

5. What do you mean by the 'Metternich system'? What did the Vienna Congress of 1815 seek to achieve?
6. Analyse the background to the 1848 Revolution in France. How was it different from that of the 1789 Revolution?
7. Discuss briefly the reforms of Czar Alexander II of Russia indicating the rise of extremist movement in that country.
8. Review administrative policies of Napoleon III. Is it correct to call him 'Little Napoleon'?

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**BA (Honours) Examination 2026
Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS)
Course: CC-14 (Compulsory)
History of Modern Europe II (1871–1945)**

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks:60

Questions are of equal value
Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Trace the growth of parliamentary democracy in Europe between 1871 and 1914.
2. Account for the emergence of new imperialism in Europe in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.
3. Discuss the policies adopted by Bismarck toward Catholics and Socialists.
4. Write a critical note on the Balkan Wars of 1912–13 and their consequences.
5. What were the causes of the Bolshevik Revolution? Assess Lenin's role in the revolution.
6. What factors led to the Great Depression of 1929?
7. Give a comparative assessment of Fascism and Nazism as political ideologies.
8. What were the causes of the Second World War?

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Semester-VI
HISTORY
Course: MJHIC16
History of Modern Europe-II (1871–1945)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer any *four* of the following questions

1. Write a critical note on migration from Europe between 1850 and 1940.
2. Describe the situation of the European 'balance of payments' and the export of European capital during the period of your study.
3. How was revolutionary republicanism tamed in France from the days of the Paris Commune to the emergence of the Third Republic? Discuss the challenges faced by the Republic, with special emphasis on the Dreyfus Affair.
4. Critically compare Bismarck's chancellorship and Kaiser William II's direct rule in Imperial Germany during the *belle époque*.
5. What were the motivations for European imperialism in the last quarter of the nineteenth century? What were its consequences for Africa?
6. Explore the connection between Balkan nationalism and the First World War. How did people's perception of the War change from romantic adventurism to realist horror?
7. Write a critical note on the Weimar Republic and the 'Spirit of Locarno'.
8. What caused the economic crash of 1929? Give an account of the cultural reactions to the crisis.