

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS)
Course: CC-13 (Compulsory)
History of India–VIII (1948–2001)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *four questions*, taking at least *two questions* from each of the following groups

Group A

1. Why was M.K. Gandhi assassinated?
2. What were the three key observations that B.R. Ambedkar make in his final speech in the Constituent Assembly? Assess their continuing relevance.
3. How were the three princely states of Travancore, Bhopal and Jodhpur integrated?
4. Describe the political process through which the Indian states were reorganised on the basis of language. Has linguistic reorganisation been good for India in the long run?

Group B

5. What explains Indira Gandhi's sudden decision to revoke the Emergency and call for elections in January 1977?
6. Critically assess Rajiv Gandhi's foreign policy initiatives, with special reference to Sri Lanka.
7. "The Mandal Commission recommendations were as much a political tool as they were a social justice measure." Discuss this statement in the light of the implementation of the report in 1990.
8. "Extremists feed off each other." Examine this statement in the context of the Ayodhya dispute and the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s.

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS)
Course: CC-14 (Compulsory)
History of Modern Europe (1871–1945)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Give a sociopolitical assessment of the Victorian Age in England.
2. Characterise the German Empire of the late nineteenth century in terms of its political parties, ethnicities and religions.
3. Chancellor Bismarck combined his anti-socialist legislation with state socialism. Comment.
4. What were the motivations for imperialism in the late nineteenth century? How did it express itself in Africa?
5. Critically discuss the significance of the two Balkan Wars.
6. Describe the course of the First World War. From the description, would you agree with Helmuth von Moltke or with Wilfred Owen in their contemporary assessments of the War?
7. Analyse the circumstances leading to the February Revolution of 1917 in Russia.
8. Write short notes on *any three* of the following:
 - a. Irish Home Rule
 - b. Kulturkampf
 - c. Taff Vale Decision of 1901
 - d. Versailles and the League of Nations
 - e. Rise of militarism and Fascism
 - f. Holocaust

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2025
Semester-VI (CBCS Back)
HISTORY
Course: Group–A DSE–3 (Optional)
England under the Tudors (1485–1603)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Discuss the significance of the Battle of Bosworth.
2. What were the key factors that enabled Henry VII to establish and consolidate the Tudor dynasty?
3. How did Henry VIII break with the Roman Catholic Church?
4. What role did Thomas Cromwell play in the reign of Henry VIII?
5. Write a critique on the reign of Edward VI.
6. Discuss the achievements of Elizabeth I.
7. How did the Tudor rulers deal with vagabondage?
8. Examine the Irish policy of the Tudors.

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS Back)
Course: DSE-4 (Group-A) (Optional)
England under the Stuarts (1603–1702)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* of the following questions

1. Discuss the main tenets of the Divine Rights theory propounded during the reign of James I (1603–25).
2. What was the historical context of the Long Parliament? What remedial measures were adopted by it?
3. What factors led to the so-called “second English Civil War” and the execution of Charles I in 1648–49?
4. Write a brief note on Oliver Cromwell’s foreign policy.
5. Critically evaluate the first phase of the reign of Charles II (1660–1674).
6. Assess the importance of the Glorious Revolution in British history.
7. Do you think that the period between 1660 and 1689 was “an age of experiment” for English literature? Explain.
8. Trace the evolution of architecture from the Jacobean to the Restoration style in Stuart England.

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-VI
History
Course: DSE- 3 Group- B (CBCS)
History of South East Asia I: The Nineteenth Century

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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

1. How did the Spanish rule in Philippines impact its economy during the nineteenth century?
2. Write a note on the 'Philippine Propaganda Movement' and assess its impact on the growth of national consciousness in Philippines.
3. Critically analyse the role of Katipunan in the Philippine Revolution (1896-98).
4. How did the 'Cultivation System', introduced by the Dutch Colonial Government in Java, lead to Java's economic exploitation in the nineteenth century?
5. How did the Dutch intervention change the nature and character of the Padri Movement in Java?
6. Highlight the main issues involved in the Diponegoro War. How did this war come to an end?
7. Trace the rise and consolidation of Siam under the Chakri rulers.
8. Discuss the contributions of Maha Mongkut and Chulalongkorn towards the modernization of Siam.

B.A. Examination, 2025
Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS)
Group-C, Course: DSE- 3 (Optional)
History of Modern East Asia I: China (1839-1949)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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

1. What impact did the presence of European companies have on Chinese sovereignty?
2. Analyze the causes and consequences of the Anglo-Sino Wars.
3. What were the objectives behind the Hundred Days Reform? Why did it fail?
4. What makes the Taiping Rebellion a pivotal moment in Qing history?
5. Which key elements contributed to the Revolution of 1911?
6. Briefly describe Sun Yat-sen's early life and political upbringing. How did he emerge as a key figure in modern Chinese nationalism?
7. Discuss the role of Yuan Shikai in the post-1911 political transition.
8. If the Qing dynasty had successfully implemented meaningful reforms in the mid-19th century, could China have avoided the Century of Humiliation? Discuss

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Semester-VI
HISTORY (CBCS)
Group-C, Course: DSE- 4 (Optional)
History of Modern East Asia II: Japan (1868-1945)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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

1. In what circumstances did the Meiji Restoration take place in Japan? What was its impact?
2. Analyse the background and consequences of the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95.
3. Discuss how Japan benefitted from the Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902.
4. Explain the circumstances leading to the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. Assess its significance.
5. Critically explain Japan's position during and immediately after the World War I.
6. Analyse the nature of the Manchurian Crisis of 1930's and the role of Japan in it.
7. Why and how was military dictatorship established in Japan in the early 1940s?
8. Discuss the impact of World War II on Japan.