

53rd - 55th BPSC

COMBINED COMPETITIVE (MAIN) EXAM 2012 QUESTION PAPER

History Question Paper 2012

PAPER-1

All questions carry 40 marks.

Answer five questions, selecting not more than three from any one Section.

Section A

1. Examine the characteristic features of the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. Write an essay on the administration system of the Mauryas.
3. Write notes on any two of the following -
 - (a) Philosophy of Shankaracharya.
 - (b) Alberoni's observation about India.
 - (c) Public works of Firoz Shah Tughlaq.
4. Evaluate Alauddin Khilji's military and market reforms.
5. Analyse the nature and consequences of the revolt against Aurangzeb.
6. Review the causes and impact of the 3rd Battle of Panipat.

Section – B

7. Describe the social and economic life of the people on the eve of the rise of Jainism and Buddhism.
8. Give an outline of the development of science, literature and education in ancient India.
9. Critically review the Rajput policy of Akbar.
10. Evaluate the achievement of Peshwa Bajji Rao I.
11. Write notes on any two of the following -
 - (a) Architecture under the Cholas.
 - (b) Chauth and Sardakhmukhi.
 - (c) Relation of the Mughals with European trading companies.

PAPER-2

All questions carry 40 marks.

Answer five questions, selecting not more than three from any one Section.

Section A

1. Critically evaluate the nature working and affect of the Dual Government in Bengal.
2. "The consequence of British land revenue settlements was an extensive revolution in the landed property of the country and a basic transformation in the agricultural community." Elucidate
3. Write a note on peasant revolts in India with special reference to Indigo Revolt, Deccan Riots and Mopilla Uprising.
4. Trace the circumstance responsible for the emergence of national awakening in India.
5. "The Indian National Army was, in essence the army of liberation for India." Explain.

Section B

6. Discuss the causes of decline of feudalism in Europe.
7. "In the history of England the chief area of interest was the growth of parliamentary institutions." Comment.
8. Describe the causes and consequences of American Civil War.
9. "The Paris Peace conference must stand in history a conspicuous failure. It was and overall failure of human intelligence and wisdom." Examin.
10. Write an essay on the rise and growth of Arab nationalism.