

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)

MAIN EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL OFFICER AND
RESEARCH/REFERENCE OFFICER IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

30th AUGUST, 2010

HISTORY - Paper-I

INSTRUCTIONS : Answers must be written in English only. Candidates should attempt at least 2 questions from each section and total 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. Discuss the importance and limitations of literary sources for reconstructing India's ancient past.
2. Discuss the various theories regarding the decline of Harrapan Civilisation.
3. Discuss the salient features of the Mauryan State in the light of recent writings on the subject.
4. Discuss the political conditions of northern India during the post-Gupta period.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - (i) Neolithic Cultures in Indian Subcontinent
 - (ii) Position of women in Vedic period
 - (iii) School of Gandhara or Mathura art
 - (iv) Temple architecture in South India
 - (v) Ashokan Inscriptions

SECTION – B

6. Discuss the socio-economic consequences of Turkish conquest of northern India.
7. Discuss the 'Segmentary – State model' in the light of recent writings.
8. Discuss the rivalries and its outcome between the Asian merchants and the European merchants for control of the Oceanic trade during 15th and 16th centuries.
9. Do you think Mansabdari and Jagirdari systems were the 'twin institutions' to sustain the 'Centralized Structure' of the Mughal Empire?
10. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - (i) Critically examine the various theories on Indian Feudalism.
 - (ii) How far Sufism is a 'Post-graduate' creed of Islam?
 - (iii) Do you think Kabir is 'quite central' in the realm of monotheistic thought?
 - (iv) Persian translations of the Sanskrit Classics during the Mughal times.
 - (v) Discuss the third battle of Panipat and assess its impact on Maratha Confederacy.

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HISTORY - Paper- II

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Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. Critically examine the land revenue settlements introduced by the British in India.
2. Discuss the growth of nationalism in India during the late nineteenth century.
3. Evaluate the role of Gandhiji in transforming the character of the national movement, with special reference to his methods of mass mobilization.
4. Discuss the significance of the post-1945 upsurge in the final phase of India's struggle for independence.
5. What were the main features of India's foreign policy in the Nehruvian era?

SECTION – B

6. In what ways has the French Revolution shaped the modern world?
7. To what extent was the development of industrial capitalism in Britain different from, or similar to, the industrialization of Germany and Japan?
8. Discuss the causes and consequences of the First World War.
9. How did the anti-Apartheid movement lead to the establishment of democracy in South Africa?
10. Would you agree that the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the ascendancy of the United States, has speeded up the process of globalization? Discuss.