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History

Sample Paper 5 - Questions

34 questions | 80 marks | 2026-27

Time: 3 hours. Answer all questions and subparts unless a choice is stated. Marks are shown on the right. Write answers on separate sheets. Independently prepared practice paper.

Section A - Objective questions

1. Which statement correctly describes Bhakti? **1**

(A) Planned drains and building arrangements provide evidence about urban organisation.

(B) Devotional traditions emphasise a personal relationship with a deity in diverse forms.

(C) Evidence indicates skilled production beyond basic household subsistence.

(D) Inscriptions are studied to interpret aspects of past political and social life.

2. Which statement correctly describes Historical source criticism? **1**

(A) Inscriptions are studied to interpret aspects of past political and social life.

(B) Diverse grievances and networks contributed to an uprising with varied regional participation.

(C) A landed intermediary or local authority held varied rights and social power in different contexts.

(D) Origin, audience, purpose and omissions are considered when interpreting a source.

3. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Symbols, metal content and find locations can inform historical questions. **1**

(A) Numismatics

(B) Mughal revenue system

(C) Harappan drainage

(D) Craft specialisation

4. Which concept is illustrated in this example? A lineage records succession through fathers and sons. **1**

(A) Epigraphy

(B) Patriliny

(C) Historical source criticism

(D) Mughal revenue system

5. Which statement correctly describes Sufi khanqah? **1**

(A) Devotional traditions emphasise a personal relationship with a deity in diverse forms.

(B) Descent is traced through the male line in the relevant social arrangement.

(C) A Sufi centre supports teaching, spiritual practice and community interaction.

(D) A Buddhist monument provides a focus for relics, memory and devotional activity.

6. Which statement correctly describes Normative text? **1**

(A) Administrative arrangements assessed and collected agrarian revenue through a complex structure.

(B) A landed intermediary or local authority held varied rights and social power in different contexts.

(C) Collective resistance deliberately violated selected colonial laws through a political campaign.

(D) A text states ideals or prescriptions rather than necessarily describing everyone's actual practice.

7. Which statement correctly describes Stupa? **1**

(A) A Buddhist monument provides a focus for relics, memory and devotional activity.

(B) A landed intermediary or local authority held varied rights and social power in different contexts.

(C) Devotional traditions emphasise a personal relationship with a deity in diverse forms.

(D) Evidence indicates skilled production beyond basic household subsistence.

8. Which statement correctly describes Harappan drainage? **1**

(A) Administrative arrangements assessed and collected agrarian revenue through a complex structure.

(B) Coins are examined as evidence about economy, authority and exchange.

(C) Planned drains and building arrangements provide evidence about urban organisation.

(D) Diverse grievances and networks contributed to an uprising with varied regional participation.

9. Which concept is illustrated in this example? A visitor compares unfamiliar practices with those of their own society. **1**

(A) Sufi khanqah

(B) Zamindar

(C) Travel account

(D) Historical source criticism

10. Which statement correctly describes Vijayanagara waterworks? **1**

(A) Reservoirs and channels supported cultivation and settlement in a demanding environment.

(B) A Sufi centre supports teaching, spiritual practice and community interaction.

(C) Inscriptions are studied to interpret aspects of past political and social life.

(D) Collective resistance deliberately violated selected colonial laws through a political campaign.

11. Which concept is illustrated in this example? A local elite participated in revenue collection and rural social relations. **1**

(A) Travel account

(B) Zamindar

(C) Numismatics

(D) Stupa

12. Which statement correctly describes Permanent Settlement? **1**

(A) A text states ideals or prescriptions rather than necessarily describing everyone's actual practice.

(B) Administrative arrangements assessed and collected agrarian revenue through a complex structure.

(C) Coins are examined as evidence about economy, authority and exchange.

(D) A colonial revenue arrangement fixed the state's demand on specified zamindars in the relevant territories.

13. Which statement correctly describes Epigraphy? **1**

(A) Inscriptions are studied to interpret aspects of past political and social life.

(B) Coins are examined as evidence about economy, authority and exchange.

(C) A colonial revenue arrangement fixed the state's demand on specified zamindars in the relevant territories.

(D) Collective resistance deliberately violated selected colonial laws through a political campaign.

14. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Debates addressed rights, representation, diversity and the distribution of power. **1**

(A) Mughal revenue system

(B) Constituent Assembly

(C) Harappan drainage

(D) Stupa

15. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Making salt challenged the colonial monopoly and tax. **1**

(A) Civil disobedience

(B) Travel account

(C) Patriliny

(D) Historical source criticism

16. Which statement correctly describes Revolt of 1857? **1**

(A) Diverse grievances and networks contributed to an uprising with varied regional participation.

(B) Coins are examined as evidence about economy, authority and exchange.

(C) Devotional traditions emphasise a personal relationship with a deity in diverse forms.

(D) Inscriptions are studied to interpret aspects of past political and social life.

17. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Officials recorded information relevant to cultivation and revenue claims. **1**

(A) Mughal revenue system

(B) Vijayanagara waterworks

(C) Constituent Assembly

(D) Travel account

18. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Bead-making remains reveal particular techniques and work areas. **1**

(A) Travel account

(B) Patriliny

(C) Craft specialisation

(D) Revolt of 1857

19. Which concept is illustrated in this example? A worshipper performs circumambulation around a sacred structure. **1**

(A) Bhakti

(B) Normative text

(C) Revolt of 1857

(D) Stupa

20. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Archaeologists examine covered drains and their connections with buildings. **1**

(A) Historical source criticism

(B) Harappan drainage

(C) Revolt of 1857

(D) Travel account

21. Which concept is illustrated in this example? An official report's claims are compared with other accounts and evidence. **1**

(A) Civil disobedience

(B) Sufi khanqah

(C) Historical source criticism

(D) Bhakti

Section B - Short responses

22. Use this situation to explain Travel account, connecting the definition to the details: A visitor compares unfamiliar practices with those of their own society. **3**

23. Compare Normative text and Historical source criticism. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **3**

24. Use this situation to explain Patriliny, connecting the definition to the details: A lineage records succession through fathers and sons. **3**

25. Use this situation to explain Vijayanagara waterworks, connecting the definition to the details: A large tank stored water linked with agricultural and urban needs. **3**

26. Compare Epigraphy and Revolt of 1857. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **3**

27. Compare Constituent Assembly and Zamindar. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **3**

Section C - Extended responses

28. (a) Explain Revolt of 1857 and analyse this application: Military discontent interacted with political, economic and social tensions. **8**

(b) Explain Epigraphy and show how this second application fits it: A stone record communicates a ruler's claims or a donation.

29. (a) Explain Mughal revenue system and analyse this application: Officials recorded information relevant to cultivation and revenue claims. 8
(b) Explain Travel account and show how this second application fits it: A visitor compares unfamiliar practices with those of their own society.

30. (a) Explain Civil disobedience and analyse this application: Making salt challenged the colonial monopoly and tax. 8
(b) Explain Epigraphy and show how this second application fits it: A stone record communicates a ruler's claims or a donation.

Section D - Case and application questions

31. Consider this situation: Visitors participate in a setting associated with a spiritual teacher and disciples.

(a) Name the concept demonstrated in the case. 1

(b) Explain the connection between the situation and that concept. 1

(c) Distinguish that concept from Stupa, giving an appropriate feature of each. 2

32. Consider this situation: Bead-making remains reveal particular techniques and work areas.

(a) Name the concept demonstrated in the case. 1

(b) Explain the connection between the situation and that concept. 1

(c) Distinguish that concept from Numismatics, giving an appropriate feature of each. 2

33. Consider this situation: A poet uses a regional language to express devotion and question rigid social boundaries.

(a) Name the concept demonstrated in the case. 1

(b) Explain the connection between the situation and that concept. 1

(c) Distinguish that concept from Revolt of 1857, giving an appropriate feature of each. 2

Section E - Location knowledge - written alternative

34. Location-identification alternative: identify each place or region from the clues. One mark each. **5**

(a) Site associated with the Great Stupa.

(b) Harappan site in Gujarat associated with a dock-like structure.

(c) Harappan site in Rajasthan.

(d) City associated with the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh tragedy.

(e) Place associated with Gandhi's first major indigo cultivators' campaign.

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