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SUBJECT: HISTORY

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Chapter 1 - Brics,Beads and Bones

1.	Who was Cunningham ? Mention any one account used by him to locate the early settlements of Harappa civilization.	2013
2	'The most unique feature of Mohenjo-Daro was the planned urban center.' Support the	2013
3	Explain the strategies for procuring materials by the Harrapans for the craft production.	2014
4	How did architectural features of Mohenjo-Daro indicate planning? Support with suitable examples.	2014
5	“Early Harrapan archaeologists thought that certain objects which seems unusual and unfamiliar have had a religious significance”. Substantiate.	2016
6	Explain the exclusive features of the craft production in Chanhudaro.	2017
7	Describe the distinctive features of domestic architecture of Mohenjo-Daro.	2017

Chapter – 2 Kings,Farmers and Town

1	How do the modern historians explain the development of Magadha as the most powerful Mahajanpada ? Explain.	2013
2	Historians have used a variety of sources to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire. State any four such sources.	2014
3	How did Kushana rulers exemplify themselves with the high status ?	2017
4	Mention any two features of the administrative system of the Mauryan Empire.	2014
5	Explain the agricultural practices followed by the cultivators to increase productivity from c. 600 BCE to 600 CE.	2015
6	Explain the main features of the Mauryan administration	2017
7	What does Ashokan inscriptions tell about the Maurya's? Describe the limitations of the inscriptional evidences.	2016
8	State any three features of Mahajanpadas.How did Magadha become the powerful Mahajanpada? Explain.	2016

Chapter-3 Kinship, Caste and Class

1	5 "The Mahabharata is a good source to study the Kinfolk's values of ancient times." Justify this statement with suitable arguments.	2013
2	Identify any two strategies evolved by Brahmana's to enforce the norms of Varna Order from c. 600 BCE to 600 CE.	2015
3	Explain the language and content of Mahabharata.	2016
4	Who composed the original story of Mahabharata in oral form? Explain any four elements considered by the historians while analyzing the Mahabharata.	2014

5	Identify any two occupations to be performed by Kshatriyas as per Varna Order.	2017
6	What do you know about the authors and the period when Mahabharata was compiled? Explain.	2016
7	Explain how you will prove that the text of Mahabharata was a dynamic one.	2015

Chapter – 4 Thinkers, Beliefs and buildings

1	"The principle of ahimsa and renunciation emphasized by Jainism has left its mark. Support the statement with Lord Mahavira's messages.	2013
2	Why are Buddhist Stupas said to be "stories in stone"? Explain.	2016
3	"Buddha laid stress on right conduct and values". In the light of the above message, explain his teaching on life.	2014
4	How was the fate of Amravati stupa different from the Sanchi Stupa? Explain.	2016
5	How did Sutta-Pitaka reconstruct the philosophy of Buddhism ? Mention about Buddhist Tipitaka.	2015

Chapter-5 Through the eyes of travelers

1	"Bernier's description of imperial land-ownership influenced western theorists like French philosopher Montesquieu and German Karl Marx." Justify it with suitable arguments.	2013
2	Explain why Abdur Razzak, a Persian Ambassador, was greatly impressed by the fortification of Vijayanagara Empire during the 15 th century.	2013
3	Examine the causes that made Al-Biruni visit India.	2014
4	“India had a unique system of communication during the fourteenth century.” Examine the statement of Ibn Batuta.	2016
5	Examine why Bernier described the Mughal towns as the ‘Camp Towns’.	2015

Chapter – 6 Bhakti Sufi moments

1	Explain the features of Islamic religion which contributed to its spread through the sub-continent.	2013
2	“By the eleventh century Sufism evolved into a well-developed movement”. Give any two examples.	2014
3	Mention any two sources to know about Bhakti and Sufi traditions from eighth century to eighteenth century.	2016

4	The Lingayats disapproved certain practices of the Dharmashashtras	2015
5	'The message of Guru Nanak Devji was based on divinity.' Mention any two aspects of it.	2017
6	Identify the relationship between the Sufis and the State from the eighth to the eighteenth century.	2017
7	Identify the relationship of the Alvars and Nayanars of Tamil Nadu with the State from the eighth to the eighteenth century.	2015

Chapter-7 An Imperial Capital

1	Which dynasty did Krishna deva Raya belong to ? Mention any one of his expansion and consolidation policies.	2013
2	Highlight the contribution of Krishna Devi Raya in the expansion of Vijayanagar Empire.	2016
3	Why were the water resources of the Vijayanagara Empire developed ? Give reasons.	2015
4	Why did the imperial power of Vijayanagara decline after the death of Krishna deva Raya ?	2017
5	"Domingo Paes has called the Mahanavmi Dibba of Vijayana gar Empire as "The House of Victory". Justify.	2014

6	Examine how the amara-nayaka system was a political innovation of the Vijayanagara Empire.	2016
7	Examine the outcome of the battle of Rakshasi-Tangadi (Talikota).	2017
8	Examine the significance of enclosing agricultural land within the fortified area of the city of Vijayanagara.	2016

Chapter –8 Peasant, Zamindaras and the states

1	Explain the ways through which Mughal village Panchayats and village headmen regulated rural society.	2013
2	Describe the life led by the forest dwellers during the Mughal era in 16 th – 17 th centuries.	2014
3	Explain the role of Panchayats in the Mughal rural Indian society during 16 th – 17 th centuries	2014
4	Describe the life of forest dwellers in the Mughal era.	2017

Chapter-9 King and Chronicles

1	In what ways have the daily routine and special festivities associated with the Mughal court conveyed a sense of power of the Mughal emperor ? Explain.	2013
2	Identify the distinctive features of the imperial household of the Mughal Empire.	2015
3	‘Historians have provided accounts of diplomatic relationships and conflicts with the neighboring political powers of the Mughal Empire.’ Elaborate.	2017
4	Explain how Akbar maintained harmonious relations with different ethnic and religious communities.	2014
5	“Mughal rulers efficiently assimilated heterogeneous populace within an imperial edifice”. Support the statement.	2016
6	How do you think that the chronicles commissioned by the Mughal Emperors are an important source for studying Mughal history ?	2015
7	“The granting of titles to the men of merit was an important aspect of Mughal polity.” Explain.	2017
8	How do you think that Qandhar remained a bone of contention between the Mughals and the Safavids ? Explain.	2017

Chapter – 10 Colonialism and the country side

1	Why did the Fifth Report become the basis of intense debate in England ? Explain	2013
2	How have the Prashastis drawn the factual information about the Gupta rulers ?	2015
3	Critically examine the policies adopted by the Britishers to control Paharias.	2014
4	Why was the colonial government keen on mapping of Indian cities from the early years? Give any two reasons.	2014
5	What was Damin-i-Koh? Why did Santhals resist against Britishers during eighteenth century? Give three reasons.	2016
6	Name the region where the Lottery Committee initiated town planning during the 18 th century. Mention any one feature of it.	2017
7	Examine the policies adopted by the British towards the Paharias during early 18 th century in Bengal.	2016
8	Analyze the impact of cotton boom in India during the American Civil War.	2015
9	“After introducing the Permanent Settlement in Bengal, the zamindars	2015

	regularly failed to pay the land revenue demand.” Examine the causes and consequences of it.	
10	Examine the land revenue system that was introduced in Bombay Deccan. How did the peasants fall into the debt-trap of the moneylenders ? Explain	2016
11	Examine the main aspects of the fifth report which was submitted to the British Parliament in 1813.	2017

Chapter-11 Rebels and the Raj

1	Critically examine Lord Dalhousie’s policy of annexation in Awadh.	2013
2	Examine the repressive measures adopted by the British to subdue the rebels of 1857.	2015
3	With the help of specific examples examine the nature of Indian leadership that emerged against the British in the revolt of 1857.	2016
4	British dispossess Talukdars of Awadh during 1857? Explain with examples.	2014
5	“A chain of grievances in Awadh linked the prince, talukdars, peasants and sepoys to join hands in the revolt of 1857 against the British.” Examine the statement.	2017

6	“Rumours and prophecies played a part in moving the people into action during the revolt of 1857.” Examine the statement with rumours and reasons for its belief.	2016
7	Examine the visual representations of the revolt of 1857 that provoked a range of different emotions and reactions.	2015

12 Colonial Cities

1	5 "The colonial cities offered new opportunities to women during the 19 th century." Support the statement with facts.	2013
2	Name the fortification of East India Company in Madras. Mention any one feature of it.	2016
3	“The architecture in colonial Bombay represented ideas of imperial power, nationalism and religious glory.” Support the statement with examples.	2017
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Chepter-13 Mahatma Gandhi and nationalist movement.

1	5 How have the different kinds of available sources helped the historians in reconstructing the	2013
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	political career of Gandhiji and the history of the national movement that was associated with it ? Explain.	
2	“The Salt March of 1930 was the first event that brought Mahatma Gandhi to world attention.” Explain the significance of this movement for Swaraj.	2015
3	“In the history of nationalism Gandhiji is often identified with the making of a nation.” Describe his role in the freedom struggle of India.	2014

Chapter – 14 Understanding Partitions

1	Explain how Indian partition was a culmination of communal politics that started developing in the opening decades of the 20 th century.	2013
2	“The relationship between India and Pakistan has been profoundly shaped by the legacy of partition.” Explain any two consequences of it.	2017
3	Describe the harrowing experiences of ordinary people during the period of partition of India	2014
4	Examine the events that took place during 1920s and 1930s which consolidated the communal identities in the country.	2015

Chapter-15 Framing the constitution

1	2 Why is 'objectives resolution' of Nehru considered a momentous resolution? Give any two reasons.	2013
2	Explain how the Constitution of India protects the rights of the Central Government and the States.	2013s
3	“Within the Constituent Assembly of India, the language issue was intensely debated”. Examine the views put forward by the members of the Assembly on this issue.	2016
4	How did the Constituent Assembly of India protect the powers of the central government? Explain.	2016
5	Describe the different arguments made in favor of protection of depressed classes in the Constituent Assembly.	2017