

Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi
Mid Term Examination
Practice Paper
Session: 2025-26
Class XII History (Code 027)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them:

- (i) This question paper contains 34 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Question paper is divided into five Sections – Sections A, B, C, D and E.
- (iii) Section A – question number 1 to 21 are Multiple Choice type questions. Each question carries 1 mark.
- (iv) Section B – question number 22 to 27 are Short Answer type questions. Each question carries 3 marks. Write answer to each question in 60 to 80 words.
- (v) Section C – question number 28 to 30 are Long Answer (LA) type questions. Each question carries 8 marks. Write answer to each question in 300 to 350 words.
- (vi) Section D – question number 31 to 33 are Source-based questions having three sub-questions. Each question carries 4 marks.
- (vii) Section E – question number 34 is Map-based question that includes the identification and location of significant test items. This question carries 5 marks. Attach the Map with the answer-book.
- (viii) There is no overall choice. However, an internal choice has been provided in Sections B, C and D of question paper. A candidate has to write answer for only one of the alternatives in such questions.
- (ix) In addition to this, Note that a separate question has been provided for Visually Impaired candidates in lieu of questions having visual inputs, Map etc. Such questions are to be attempted by Visually Impaired candidates only.

SECTION A
(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

21x1=21

1. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan Culture and choose the correct option.

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 - i. The most unique feature was the development of urban centres.
 - ii. The settlements were divided into two sections i.e. the citadel and the lower town.
 - iii. Drainage system was ordinary and unplanned.
 - iv. Roads were not laid out along a grid pattern.

Options:

- a. Only (i) is correct.
- b. Only (i) and (ii) are correct.
- c. Only (ii) and (iii) are correct.
- d. Only (iii) and (iv) are correct.

2. Fill in the blank: 1

The Harappan seal were made of _____ stone?

- a. Chert
- b. Steatite
- c. Saddle Querns
- d. Curry Stones

3. Finds of which grain is relatively rare at the sites of the Harappan Civilisation. 1

- a. Wheat
- b. Barley
- c. Rice
- d. Lentil

4. The Shakas came to India from which part of the world? 1

- a. Central Asia
- b. East Asia
- c. South Asia
- d. North East Asia

5. Fill in the blank:

The Jatakas were written in _____ around the middle of the first millennium CE. 1

- a. Pali
- b. Prakrit
- c. Sanskrit
- d. Hindi

6. Instruction: In below given question, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R), mark your answer as per the codes given below. 1

Assertion (A): Early Buddhist and Jaina texts mention, amongst other things, sixteen states known as mahajanapadas.

Reason (R): While most mahajanapadas were ruled by kings, some, known as ganas or sanghas, were oligarchies.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true, but R is false
- d. A is false, but R is true

7. Tamilakam included which parts of present-day Indian states? 1
- i. Andhra Pradesh
 - ii. Kerala
 - iii. Tamil Nadu
 - iv. Karnataka

Options:

- a. i and ii
- b. ii and iii,
- c. i, ii and iii
- d. i, ii, iii and iv

8. Match the following: 1

List I	List II
a. Endogamy	1. marriage outside the unit.
b. Exogamy	2. marriage within a unit
c. Polygyny	3. practice of a woman having several husbands.
d. Polyandry	4. practice of a man having several wives.

Options:

- i. a-2, b-1, c-4, d-3
- ii. a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4
- iii. a-3, b-4, c-1, d-2
- iv. a-2, b-3, c-4, d-1

9. Which text contains a list of successive generations of teachers and students, many of whom were designated by metonymics? 1

- a. The Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- b. The Ramayana
- c. The Geeta
- d. The Matsya Purana

10. Identify the correct Varna: 1

- They were supposed to study and teach the Vedas.
- Perform sacrifices and get sacrifices performed.
- Give and receive gifts.

- a. Brahmanas
- b. Kshatriyas
- c. Vaisyas
- d. Sudras

11. Identify the picture from the given options.

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Options:

- a. Pashupatinatha Temple
- b. Kailashnatha Temple
- c. Baidyanatha temple
- d. Eklinga Temple

12. According to which Buddhist text, Asoka distributed portions of the Buddha's relics to every important town and ordered the construction of stupas over them? 1

- a. Deepvansha
- b. Mahavansha
- c. Ashokavadana
- d. Sutta Pitaka

13. Bernier dedicated his major writing to whom?

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- a. Louis XI
- b. Louis XII
- c. Louis XIII
- d. Louis XIV

14. Who develop the idea of oriental despotism, according to which rulers in Asia enjoyed absolute authority over their subjects? 1

- a. Montesquieu
- b. Abu'l Fazl
- c. Bernier
- d. Barbosa

15. Which branch of the Ismailis developed new modes of communication, disseminating ideas derived from the Qur'an through indigenous literary genres? 1
- Khojahs
 - Sunnis
 - Ginan
 - Sindhi
16. Name the sufi saint popularly known as "Gharib Nawaz". 1
- Shaikh Fariduddin
 - Shaikh Nizamuddin
 - Khwaja Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki
 - Khwaja Muinuddin
17. Sayana, The Famous Commentator of The Vedic Texts, was patronized by which rulers? 1
- Paramara Rulers
 - Satavahana Rulers
 - Vakataka Rulers
 - Vijaynagar Rulers
18. Hiriya canal was built by the kings of which dynasty? 1
- Sangama
 - Saluva
 - Tuluva
 - Aravidu
19. The term which Indo-Persian sources of the Mughal period most frequently used to denote a peasant was: 1
- Raiyat
 - Riaya
 - Mzarian
 - All of the above
20. Which factors resulted in a massive expansion of Asia's particularly India's trade with Europe? 1
- Voyages of discovery
 - Opening up of the New World
 - Vibrant networks of overland trade
 - All of the above
21. Identify the person with the help of following information: 1
- He passed through India c. 1690
 - He provides a graphic account about the way silver travelled across the globe to reach India.

- a. Barbosa
- b. Giovanni Careri
- c. Nicolo Conti
- d. Bernier

SECTION B
(Short-Answer Type Questions)

6x3=18

22. 'Between the sixth and the fourth centuries BCE, Magadha became the most powerful mahajanapada.' Explain the statement. 3

Or

'The sixth century BCE is often regarded as a major turning point in early Indian history.' Why? Give reasons.

23. 'One of the most distinctive features of Harappan cities was the carefully planned drainage system'. Examine the statement. 3

24. Why it is said that as in the case of the question of landownership, Bernier was drawing an oversimplified picture? 3

25. 'Often associated with the goddess were forms of worship that were classified as Tantric.' Analyse the statement. 3

26. Describe the features of the Vitthala temple. 3

27. Describe the condition of peasants during the Mughal period. 3

Or

Why did the external forces enter the forest? Give reasons.

SECTION C
Long Answer Questions

3 × 8 = 24

28. Describe the features of the critical edition of the Mahabharata published under V.S. Sukthankar. 8

Or

Discuss whether kings in early states were invariably Kshatriyas.

29. 'The Lingayats challenged the idea of caste and the "pollution" attributed to certain groups by Brahmanas.' Analyse the statement. 8

Or

'The khanqah was the centre of social life.' Substantiate your answer with reference to life in the Chishti khanqah.

30. 'Abdur Razzaq, an ambassador sent by the ruler of Persia to Calicut in the fifteenth century, was greatly impressed by the fortifications.' Evaluate the statement. 8

Or

The amara-nayaka system was a major political innovation of the Vijayanagara Empire. Analyse the statement.

SECTION D
(Source-Based Questions)

4x3=12

31. Read the given source and answer the questions that follow:

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**Prabhavati Gupta and the
village of Danguna**

This is what Prabhavati Gupta states in her inscription:

Prabhavati Gupta ... commands the *gramakutumbinas* (householders/peasants living in the village), Brahmanas and others living in the village of Danguna ...

"Be it known to you that on the twelfth (lunar day) of the bright (fortnight) of Karttika, we have, in order to increase our religious merit donated this village with the pouring out of water, to the Acharya (teacher) Chanalasvamin ... You should obey all (his) commands ...

We confer on (him) the following exemptions typical of an *agrahara* ... (this village is) not to be entered by soldiers and policemen; (it is) exempt from (the obligation to provide) grass, (animal) hides as seats, and charcoal (to touring royal officers); exempt from (the royal prerogative of) purchasing fermenting liquors and digging (salt); exempt from (the right to) mines and *khadira* trees; exempt from (the obligation to supply) flowers and milk; (it is donated) together with (the right to) hidden treasures and deposits (and) together with major and minor taxes ..."

This charter has been written in the thirteenth (regnal) year. (It has been) engraved by Chakradasa.

- 31.1 Who wrote the charter and when? 1
- 31.2 Who donated the the village of Danguna and to whom? 1
- 31.3 Which rights and exemptions were conferred on Acharya Chanalasvamin as an agrahara? 2

32. Read the given source and answer the questions that follow: 4

The world beyond the palace

Just as the Buddha's teachings were compiled by his followers, the teachings of Mahavira were also recorded by his disciples. These were often in the form of stories, which could appeal to ordinary people. Here is one example, from a Prakrit text known as the *Uttaradhyayana Sutta*, describing how a queen named Kamalavati tried to persuade her husband to renounce the world:

If the whole world and all its treasures were yours, you would not be satisfied, nor would all this be able to save you. When you die, O king and leave all things behind, *dharmma* alone, and nothing else, will save you. As a bird dislikes the cage, so do I dislike (the world). I shall live as a nun without offspring, without desire, without the love of gain, and without hatred ...

Those who have enjoyed pleasures and renounced them, move about like the wind, and go wherever they please, unchecked like birds in their flight ...

Leave your large kingdom ... abandon what pleases the senses, be without attachment and property, then practise severe penance, being firm of energy ...

- 32.1 From which text is the story of Queen Kamalavati and her husband taken? 1
- 32.2 What message did Queen Kamalavati convey to her husband? 1
- 32.3 What does the queen suggest about the nature of true freedom? 2

33. Read the given source and answer the questions that follow: 4

Reverence for the Jogi

Here is an excerpt from a letter written by Aurangzeb to a Jogi in 1661-62:

The possessor of the sublime station, Shiv Murat, Guru Anand Nath Jio!

May your Reverence remain in peace and happiness ever under the protection of Sri Shiv Jio!

... A piece of cloth for the cloak and a sum of twenty five rupees which have been sent as an offering will reach (Your Reverence) ... Your Reverence may write to us whenever there is any service which can be rendered by us.

- 32.3 Who wrote this letter, and to whom was it addressed? 1
- 32.4 What does this letter reveal about Aurangzeb's relationship with religious figures? 1
- 32.5 How did Aurangzeb express his willingness to assist the Jogi? 2

SECTION E
(MAP BASED QUESTION)

1x5=5

34.1 On the given political outline map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols : 3X 1=3

- i. Harappa, a Harappan site
- ii. Magadha, A Mahajanapada
- iii. Sanchi, a Buddhist site.

OR

Ajanta, a Buddhist site

34.2 On the same map, two places have been marked as A and B, which are the towns related to Vijayanagara Empire. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them. 2

Note: The following questions are for the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No.34

34.1. (a) Name any three matured Harappan sites. 3

34.2. Name any two Buddhist sites in India. 2

INDIA

OUTLINE MAP WITH STATES
& UNION TERRITORIES

