

B.A. 2nd Semester (Major Course)

Sub: HISTORY

PAPER-II History of India c 650-c 1550 AD (Honours)

Unit I c 650-1200AD (I)

- Part 3031*
1. Sources-early medieval & sultanate period: epigraphy, numismatics & literature
  2. Arab Invasion: Causes & Impact
  3. Regional Polities: Palas & Cholas
  4. Tripartite Struggle

Unit II c 650-c 1200AD (II)

1. Economy: land grants and agrarian expansion; feudal relations
2. Economy: urban centres, trade & commerce
3. Rise & growth of regional languages with special reference to Bengali, Tamil & Marathi
4. Socio-Cultural developments: Shankara & Bhakti philosophy; transformation of Buddhism-influences of tantric practices, art & architecture of the Pallavas & the Cholas

Unit III c 1200-c 1550AD (I)

1. Establishment & consolidation of Delhi Sultanate: Iltutmish, Razia, Balban-Role & assessment
2. Alauddin Khilji, Mahmud bin Tughlaq, Feroze Tughlaq- Reforms, Foreign policies, assessment
3. Central, Provincial & Military organization under the Delhi Sultanate; ideas of kingship-Balban & Alauddin Khilji
4. Timur's invasion & decline of Delhi Sultanate

Unit IV c 1200- c 1550AD (II)

1. Rise of provincial kingdoms- Vijayanagar & Bahamani
2. Bhakti & Sufi Movements-Origin, Features & Impact
3. Art & Architecture of the Sultanate period
4. Economy of the Delhi Sultanate: Agriculture & Revenue System; Urbanization; trade & commerce

**TDP (Honours) 2nd Semester Exam., 2019**

**HISTORY**

( Honours )

**SECOND PAPER**

*Full Marks : 80*

*Time : 3 hours*

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for the questions*

Answer **eight** questions, taking **two** from each Unit

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

**UNIT—I**

1. Analyze the importance of literary sources in writing of the history of Sultanate period. 10
2. Give a brief account of the Tripartite Struggle among Pala-Pratihara-Rashtrakuta. 10
3. Describe the rise and growth of the Cholas as a regional power during the early medieval India. 10

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## UNIT—II

4. ✓ Examine the features of art and architecture under the Cholas. 10
5. Discuss the development of the urban centres in the early medieval period. What were its importances? 7+3=10
6. Discuss the growth of Bengali and Marathi languages during the early medieval period. 5+5=10

## UNIT—III

7. Discuss the administrative reforms of Firoz Shah Tughluq. What were its limitations? 6+4=10
8. ✓ How did Ghiyas-ud-din Balban and Ala-ud-din Khalji face the Mongol menace in the North-West Frontier? 5+5=10
9. What was the 'Market Control Policy' of Ala-ud-din Khalji? How far was it successful? 7+3=10

## UNIT—IV

10. Trace the origin of Bhakti Movement in India. Assess the role of Kabir in this movement. 5+5=10

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- 11.** Evaluate the achievements of Krishnadeva Raya of Vijayanagar Kingdom. 10
- 12.** Write a short note on trade and commerce during the medieval period. 10

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**UNIT—I**

1. Assess the importance of epigraphs and numismatics in writing early medieval history of India. 5+5=10
2. Discuss the causes and consequences of the Arabian invasion on India. 5+5=10
3. Find out the causes for the Kaivarta Revolt against Mahipala II. Do you think that the Revolt was against feudal oppression? 7+3=10

## UNIT—II

4. Do you agree with R. S. Sharma that land grants (agrahara) expediated agrarian developments in the early medieval India? 10
5. Discuss briefly the economic condition of India during early medieval period with special reference to trade and commerce. 10
6. Bring out the developments of architecture and art under the Pallavas. 6+4=10

## UNIT—III

7. Evaluate the roles of Sultan Iltutmish and Sultana Razia in consolidating Delhi Sultanate. 7+3=10
8. "... With the best intentions, excellent ideas, but no balance or patience, no sense of proportion, Muhammad-bin-Tughluq was a transcendent failure." (Lane Poole.) Explain. 10
9. Find out the causes for the downfall of the Delhi Sultanate with special reference to the role of Firoz Shah Tughluq. 7+3=10

UNIT—IV

10. Assess the contributions of Mahmud Gawan for all-round developments of Bahamani Kingdom. Do you think that the execution of Mahmud Gawan expediated the downfall of the Bahamani Kingdom? 7+3=10
11. Mention different features of Sufism. How did Sufism affect medieval Indian as a whole? 5+5=10
12. Identify the salient characteristics of Iqta System that prevailed in India during the period of the Delhi Sultanate. What were the major changes brought about by Ala-ud-din Khalji in the system? 5+5=10

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**Answer eight questions, taking two  
from each Unit**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

**UNIT—I**

1. Assess the importance of the historical works of Minhaj-us-Siraj and Zia-ud-din Barani in writing the history of the Delhi Sultanate. 5+5=10
2. Describe the rise and growth of the Cholas as a regional power during the early medieval India. 10
3. Give a brief account of the tripartite struggle between Pala-Pratihara-Rashtrakuta dynasties. 10



UNIT—II

4. Discuss the features of Indian Feudalism during the early medieval period. 10
5. Discuss the growth of Bengali and Tamil languages during the early medieval period. 5+5=10
6. What do you understand by the transformation of Buddhism during the early medieval period? How was Buddhism influenced by Tantric practices? 4+6=10

UNIT—III

7. How did Ghiyas-ud-din Balban and Ala-ud-din Khalji face the Mongol menace in the North-West Frontier? 5+5=10
8. Why did Ala-ud-din Khalji adopt the Market Control Policy? How did the policy affect the inhabitants of Delhi? 5+5=10
9. Explain the ideas of kingship of Ghiyas-ud-din Balban. 10

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UNIT—IV

10. Discuss the factors for the rise of the Vijayanagar Kingdom. 10
11. Trace the origin of the Bhakti Movement in India. Assess the role of Kabir in this movement. 5+5=10
12. Trace the growth of urban centres in the North India during the Sultanate period. 10

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**TDP (Honours) 2nd Semester Exam., 2020**

**HISTORY**

**( Honours )**

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**UNIT—I**

- 1.** Describe the importance of literary sources in writing the history of early medieval period. 10
- 2.** Discuss the causes and consequences of the Arab invasions on India. 5+5=10
- 3.** Narrate the rise and growth of Palas as a regional power in North India during the early medieval period. 10

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UNIT—II

4. Critically analyze the features of Indian Feudalism during early Medieval period. 10
5. Analyze the features of the Philosophy of Guru Shankaracharya. 10
6. Discuss the Economic condition of India during early medieval period. 10

UNIT—III

7. Analyze the characteristics of the Central administration of Delhi Sultanate. 10
8. Evaluate the contribution of Iltutmish in consolidating Delhi Sultanate. 10
9. Discuss the causes for the downfall of Delhi Sultanate with special reference to the role of Firoz Shah Tughlaq. 6+4=10

UNIT—IV

10. Examine the achievements of Mahmud Gawan in consolidating Bahamani kingdom. 10

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- 11.** Discuss the features and impact of Sufism in India. 5+5=10
- 12.** Trace the growth of urban centres in North India during the Sultanate period. 10

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Exam., 2022

HISTORY

( Honours )

SECOND PAPER

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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Answer **eight** questions, taking **two** from each Unit

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own words as far as practicable*

UNIT—I

1. Assess the importance of epigraphs and numismatics in writing history of early Medieval India. 5+5=10

2. Which three dynasties were involved in the Tripartite Struggle? Discuss the main reasons and results of the Tripartite Struggle. 2+4+4=10

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3. Trace the rise and growth of the Palas as a regional power in North India during the early Medieval period. 10

UNIT—II

4. Do you agree with R. S. Sharma's view that the land grants (Agrahara System) expedited the agrarian development in the early Medieval India? 10
5. Discuss the history of Art and Architecture under the Pallavas. 6+4=10
6. Discuss the rise and growth of regional language with special reference to Bengali and Marathi. 5+5=10

UNIT—III

7. Evaluate the roles of Iltutmish and Razia in consolidating the Delhi Sultanate. 7+3=10
8. Find out the causes of the downfall of the Delhi Sultanate. 10
9. Discuss the policies of Muhammad bin Tughluq. Why did it fail? 6+4=10

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UNIT—IV

10. Mention the different features of Sufism.  
What was the impact of Sufism in  
Medieval India? 5+5=10
11. Assess the contribution of Mahmud Gawan  
in the development of Bahamani Kingdom.  
Do you think that his execution expedited  
the downfall of the Bahamani Kingdom?  
7+3=10
12. Explain the significance of Art and  
Architecture of the Sultanate period. 5+5=10

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