

# CUET 2026 May 20 Shift 1 History

## Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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### General Instructions

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- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

**1. Who among the following historians is associated with the concept of the “Asiatic Mode of Production” in the context of Indian history?**

- (1) D.D. Kosambi
- (2) R.S. Sharma
- (3) Karl Marx
- (4) Romila Thapar

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**2. Which of the following inscriptions provides the earliest epigraphic evidence of the term “Bharatavarsha”?**

- (1) Hathigumpha Inscription
- (2) Aihole Inscription
- (3) Junagadh Inscription
- (4) Allahabad Pillar Inscription

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**3. The “Doctrine of Lapse” was most aggressively implemented during the tenure of which Governor-General?**

- (1) Lord Hastings
- (2) Lord Dalhousie

- (3) Lord Wellesley
  - (4) Lord Canning
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**4. Which among the following travellers described Vijayanagara as “the best provided city in the world”?**

- (1) Nicolo Conti
  - (2) Domingo Paes
  - (3) Ibn Battuta
  - (4) Fernao Nuniz
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**5. The Permanent Settlement introduced in Bengal in 1793 was based primarily on whose recommendations?**

- (1) Alexander Dow
  - (2) Thomas Munro
  - (3) John Shore
  - (4) Charles Metcalfe
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**6. Which session of the Indian National Congress approved the resolution of “Purna Swaraj”?**

- (1) Surat Session, 1907
  - (2) Lahore Session, 1929
  - (3) Karachi Session, 1931
  - (4) Lucknow Session, 1916
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**7. Who among the following authored the Persian work “Muntakhab-ut-Tawarikh”?**

- (1) Abul Fazl
  - (2) Badauni
  - (3) Minhaj-us-Siraj
  - (4) Amir Khusrau
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**8. The term “Iqta” during Delhi Sultanate referred to:**

- (1) Religious tax
  - (2) Military camp
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- (3) Revenue assignment
  - (4) Royal treasury
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**9. Who among the following was the founder of the Self-Respect Movement in South India?**

- (1) C. Rajagopalachari
  - (2) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy
  - (3) Annie Besant
  - (4) Jyotiba Phule
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**10. Which of the following Harappan sites is located in present-day Gujarat and is famous for its dockyard?**

- (1) Kalibangan
  - (2) Banawali
  - (3) Lothal
  - (4) Rakhigarhi
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