

CUET 2026 May 20 Shift 1 History

Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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General Instructions

- (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

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

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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