

CUET PG 2026 Ancient Indian History Question Paper(Memory Based)

Time Allowed :1 Hours 30 min | Maximum Marks :300 | Total Questions :75

General Instructions

1. The exam lasts 90 minutes (1 hour 30 minutes).
2. There are 75 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) to be answered.
3. +4 marks for every correct answer. -1 mark (negative marking) for every incorrect answer. 0 marks for unanswered or un-attempted questions.
4. For any discrepancy in questions, the English version is considered final (except for language-specific papers).
5. Click one of the four options to choose an answer.
6. You must click "Save & Next" to confirm your response. Only saved answers are considered for evaluation.
7. Use "Mark for Review & Next" to flag a question for later. You can unselect or change your answer using the "Clear Response" button.
8. All calculations must be done on the Rough Sheets provided at the centre. These must be returned to the invigilator after the exam.

1. Which Harappan site is famous for its sophisticated water management system and a stadium?

- (A) Harappa
- (B) Mohenjo-daro
- (C) Dholavira
- (D) Kalibangan

2. Who is the author of the famous Sanskrit grammar book "Ashtadhyayi"?

- (A) Kalidasa
- (B) Panini
- (C) Patanjali
- (D) Chanakya

3. The "Saptanga Theory" of state was propounded by which ancient scholar?

- (A) Manu
- (B) Kautilya
- (C) Megasthenes
- (D) Panini

4. Which Mauryan ruler is associated with the Bhabru Edict and the spread of Buddhism?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (B) Bindusara
 - (C) Ashoka
 - (D) Dasharatha
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5. The "Prayag Prashasti" (Allahabad Pillar Inscription) describes the conquests of which ruler?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (B) Ashoka
 - (C) Samudragupta
 - (D) Harshavardhana
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6. Which Chinese traveler visited India during the reign of Harshavardhana?

- (A) Fa-Hien
 - (B) Hiuen Tsang
 - (C) I-Tsing
 - (D) Sung Yun
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7. In the Vedic period, the term "Gavisthi" referred to what type of activity?

- (A) Agricultural activity
 - (B) Religious ritual
 - (C) Cattle raid or war
 - (D) Trade activity
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8. The Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram was built by which South Indian dynasty?

- (A) Cholas
 - (B) Cheras
 - (C) Pallavas
 - (D) Pandyas
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9. Which Buddhist Council was held during the reign of Kanishka in Kashmir?

- (A) First Buddhist Council
 - (B) Second Buddhist Council
 - (C) Third Buddhist Council
 - (D) Fourth Buddhist Council
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10. The concept of "Dhamma" was popularized through inscriptions by which emperor?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (B) Bindusara
 - (C) Ashoka
 - (D) Samudragupta
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11. Which ancient university was established by the Gupta ruler Kumara Gupta I?

- (A) Takshashila
 - (B) Nalanda
 - (C) Vikramashila
 - (D) Vallabhi
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12. The Ajanta Caves are primarily associated with which religious tradition?

- (A) Hinduism
 - (B) Jainism
 - (C) Buddhism
 - (D) Zoroastrianism
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13. What was the name of the gold coins issued during the Gupta Period?

- (A) Dinar
 - (B) Tanka
 - (C) Karshapana
 - (D) Nishka
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14. Which Sangam assembly text is known as the "Bible of the Tamil Land"?

- (A) Tolkappiyam
 - (B) Silappadikaram
 - (C) Manimekalai
 - (D) Tirukkural
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15. The "Lothal" site of the Indus Valley Civilization served as what type of facility?

- (A) Religious center
 - (B) Military fort
 - (C) Dockyard/port
 - (D) Agricultural settlement
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