

CBSE Class 12 History 2019 - Set 61/3/3

Question Paper

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Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions

- (i) This question paper contains 16 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Attempt one alternative where internal choice is provided. Follow the instructions and word limits within each question.
- (iii) Attach the map with the answer-book.

Section A

1. Explain how the critical edition of Mahabharata was prepared.

2. “In the Mughal household a distinction was made between wives.” Substantiate the statement with any two aspects.

3. State any two outcomes of the Cabinet Mission Plan.

OR

3. State any two outcomes of the Provincial elections held in 1946.

Section B

4. Analyse the distinctive features of domestic architecture of Harappa.

5. Why did social changes in colonial India not happen with ease ? Explain.

6. "Art, literature and imageries have helped in keeping alive the memory of 1857." Justify the statement in the context of Indian nationalism.

OR

6. "In Awadh, the Revolt of 1857 became an expression of popular resistance to an alien order." Justify the statement in the context of taluqdars and peasants.

7. "The Royal Centre of Vijayanagara had a distinctive layout." Cite evidences to prove the statement.

8. Explain how Magadha became the most powerful Janapada between the sixth and fourth centuries BCE.

9. Describe Ibn Battuta's description of Indian system of communication.

OR

9. Describe Al-Biruni's description of the caste system in India.

Section C

10. “Many scholars have written of the months after Independence as being Gandhiji’s finest hour.” Analyse the statement.

OR

10. Analyse the significance of the ‘Salt Satyagraha’ in the Indian National Movement.

11. “In the early decades after the Permanent Settlement, the zamindars regularly failed to pay the revenue demand.” In the light of this statement, examine its causes in detail.

OR

11. Examine the sources of livelihood of the Paharias (hillfolk) of Rajmahal hills. How did they respond to the coming of Santhals ?

12. Describe the relationship between the Alvars and Nayanars with the state and society. Also, describe the attitude of Alvars and Nayanars towards caste system.

OR

12. Describe the growth of Sufism in India from the eleventh century onwards.

13. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

“There cannot be any divided loyalty”

Govind Ballabh Pant argued that in order to become loyal citizens people had to stop focusing only on the community and the self :

For the success of democracy one must train himself in the art of self-discipline. In democracies one should care less for himself and more for others. There cannot be any divided loyalty. All loyalties must exclusively be centred round the State. If in a democracy, you create rival loyalties, or you create a system in which any individual or group, instead of suppressing his extravagance, cares nought for larger or other interests, then democracy is doomed.

13.1. What are the major attributes of a loyal citizen ?

13.2. What should the citizens do for the success of democracy ?

13.3. What will happen to the State or democracy if the citizens have divided loyalties ?

OR

13. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

“I believe separate electorates will be suicidal to the minorities”

During the debate on 27 August, 1947, Govind Ballabh Pant said :

I believe separate electorates will be suicidal to the minorities and will do them tremendous harm. If they are isolated for ever, they can never convert themselves into a majority and the feeling of frustration will cripple them even from the very beginning. What is it that you desire and what is our ultimate objective ? Do the minorities always want to remain as minorities or do they ever expect to form an integral part of a great nation and as such to guide and control its destinies ? If they do, can they ever achieve that aspiration and that ideal if they are isolated from the rest of the community ? I think it would be extremely dangerous for them if they were segregated from the rest of the community and kept aloof in an air-tight compartment where they would have to rely on others even for the air they breathe ... The minorities if they are returned by separate electorates can never have any effective voice.

OR

13.1. Why did some leaders think that there should be separate electorates for minorities ?

OR

13.2. Why were some nationalists against the demand of separate electorates ?

OR

13.3. Why did Govind Ballabh Pant consider separate electorates harmful for the minorities ?

14. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Buddhism in practice

This is an excerpt from the Sutta Pitaka, and contains the advice given by the Buddha to a wealthy householder named Sigala :

In five ways should a master look after his servants and employees ... by assigning them work according to their strength, by supplying them with food and wages, by tending them in sickness; by sharing delicacies with them and by granting leave at times ...

In five ways should the clansmen look after the needs of samanas (those who have renounced the world) and Brahmanas: by affection in act and speech and mind, by keeping open house to them and supplying their worldly needs.

There are similar instructions to Sigala about how to behave with his parents, teacher and wife.

14.1. How did Buddha give importance to conduct and values ?

14.2. How can individual effort transform social relations ?

14.3. Analyse the advice given by Buddha to Sigala for Samanas.

15. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Cash or kind ?

The Ain on land revenue collection :

Let him (the amil-guzar) not make it a practice of taking only in cash but also in kind. The latter is affected in several ways. First, kankut: in the Hindi language kan signifies grain, and kut, estimates ... If any doubts arise, the crops should be cut and estimated in three lots, the good, the middling, and the inferior, and the hesitation removed. Often, too, the land taken by appraisal, gives a sufficiently accurate return. Secondly, batai, also called bhaoli, the crops are reaped and stacked and divided by agreement in the presence of the parties. But in this case several intelligent inspectors are required; otherwise, the evil-minded and false are given to deception. Thirdly, khet-batai, when they divide the fields after they are sown. Fourthly, lang batai, after cutting the grain, they form it in heaps and divide it among themselves, and each takes his share home and turns it to profit.

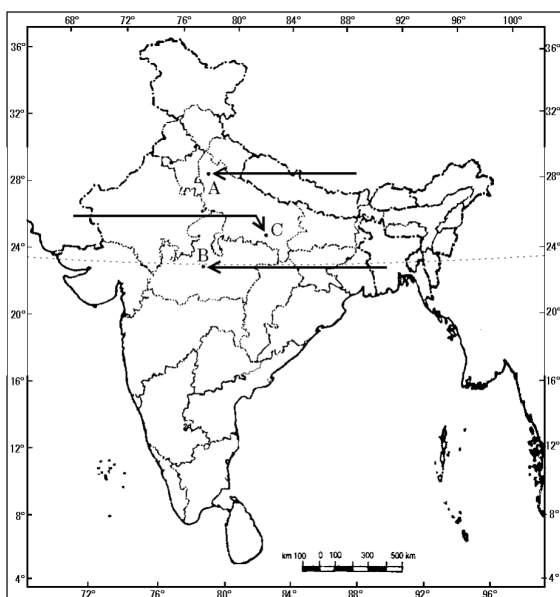
15.1. Examine the term 'kankut'.

15.2. Explain 'khet-batai' as the system of collecting revenue.

15.3. Examine the role of Amil-Guzar.

Section E

16. On the given political outline map of India, locate and label the following appropriately :



16.1. (a) Calcutta – a Centre of Revolt, 1857.

OR

Surat – a place under British control in 1857.

(b) Panipat – Territory under Mughal Empire.

OR

Vijayanagara

16.2. On the same political outline map of India, three places have been marked as A, B and C, which are related to Ashokan inscriptions. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them.

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