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- Regular Mentorship sessions will be conducted to help each and every student.

TEST TYPE	TEST TIMING	DAY OF TEST	DISCUSSION	
SECTIONAL	01:00 PM to 04:00 PM	Tuesday	Sunday	
TESTS	04:30 PM to 07:30 PM	Wednesday to Friday	5:30PM to 7:30 PM	
FULL SYLLABUS	Morning & Evening Sessions	As Per Test Schedule		

## **PROGRAMME DETAILS**

This is Not just a Test Series Programme, it is a Comprehensive Package for History Optional Preparation.

# HISTORY OPT. TEST SERIES SCHEDULE

## DETAILS

## **TEST SYLLABUS**

Test - 1 27 June'23 WORLD HISTORY - I	<ul> <li>Enlightenment and Modern ideas:</li> <li>(a) Major ideas of Enlightenment; Kant, Rousseau</li> <li>(b) Spread of Enlightenment in the colonies</li> <li>(c) Rise of socialist ideas (up to Marx); spread of Marxian Socialism.</li> <li>Origins of Modern Politics:</li> <li>(a) European States System</li> <li>(b) American Revolution and the Constitution</li> <li>(c) French revolution and aftermath, 1789–1815</li> <li>(d) American Civil War with reference to Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery</li> <li>(e) British Democratic politics (1815 – 1850) –Parliamentary Reformers, Free Traders, Chartists</li> <li>Industrialization:</li> <li>(a) English Industrial Revolution; causes and impact on Society</li> <li>(b) Industrialization and Globalization</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nation – State System:</li> <li>(a) Rise of Nationalism in 19<sup>th</sup> century</li> <li>(b) Nationalism ; state – building in Germany and Italy</li> <li>(c) Disintegration of Empires in the face of the emergence of nationalities across the world</li> <li>Revolution and Counter – Revolution:</li> <li>(a) 19<sup>th</sup> Century European revolutions</li> <li>(b) The Russian Revolution of 1917 – 1921</li> <li>(c) Fascist Counter – Revolution, Italy and Germany.</li> <li>(d) The Chinese Revolution of 1949</li> <li>World Wars:</li> <li>(a) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars as Total Wars : Societal implications</li> <li>(b) World War I: Causes and consequences</li> <li>(c) World War II: Causes and consequence</li> </ul>
Test - 2 04 July'23 WORLD HISTORY - II	<ul> <li>The World after World War II:</li> <li>(a) Emergence of two power blocs</li> <li>(b) Emergence of Third World and non – alignment</li> <li>(c) UNO and the global disputes</li> <li>Imperialism and Colonialism: <ul> <li>(a) South and South – east Asia</li> <li>(b) Latin America and South Africa</li> <li>(c) Australia</li> <li>(d) Imperialism and free trade; Rise of neo – imperialism.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Liberation from Colonial Rule: <ul> <li>(a) Latin America – Bolivar</li> <li>(b) Arab world – Egypt</li> <li>(c) Africa – Apartheid to Democracy</li> <li>(d) South – East Asia – Vietnam</li> <li>(e) Decolonization and Underdevelopment</li> <li>(f) Factors constraining development: Latin America, Africa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unification of Europe:</li> <li>(a) Post War Foundations : NATO and European Community</li> <li>(b) Consolidation and Expansion of European Community</li> <li>(c) European Union</li> <li>Disintegration of Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World</li> <li>(a) Factors leading to the collapse of Soviet communism and the Soviet Union, 1985–1991</li> <li>(b) Political Changes in Eastern Europe 1989–2001</li> <li>(c) End of the cold war and US ascendancy in the world as the lone superpower.</li> </ul>



## DETAILS

## **TEST SYLLABUS**

## Test - 3

## 11 July'23 **MODERN** INDIA - I

(c) The English and the French East India Companies (d) Their struggle for supremacy: Carnatic Wars;

(b) The Portuguese and the Dutch

**European Penetration into India:** 

(a) The Early European Settlements

(e) Bengal – the conflict between the English and the Nawabs of Bengal; Siraj and the English; The Battle of Plassey, Significance of Plassey.

### **British Expansion in India:**

- (a) Bengal Mir Zafar and Mir Kasim
- (b) The Battle of Buxar
- (c) Mysore
- (d) The Marathas
- (e) The three Anglo Maratha Wars
- (f) The Punjab

### Early Structure of the British Raj:

- (a) The early administrative structure From diarchy to direct control
- (b) the Regulating Act (1773)
- (c) The Pitt's India Act (1784)
- (d) The Charter Act (1833)
- (e) The voice of free trade and the changing character of British colonial rule
- (f) The English Utilitarian and India.

### **Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule:**

- (a) Land revenue settlements in British India -The Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari Settlement, Mahalwari Settlement,
- (b) Economic impact of the revenue arrangements
- (c) Commercialization of agriculture
- (d) Rise of landless agrarian labourers
- (e) Impoverishment of the rural society.
- (f) Dislocation of traditional trade and commerce
- (g) De-industrialization
- (h) Decline of traditional crafts
- (i) Drain of wealth
- (j) Economic transformation of India
- (k) Railroad and communication network including telegraph and postal services
- Famine and poverty in the rural interior (I)
- (m) European business enterprise and its limitations.

## Social and Cultural Developments:

- (a) The state of indigenous education and its dislocation
- (b) Orientalists–Anglicists controversy
- (c) The introduction of western education in India
- (d) The rise of press, literature and public opinion
- (e) The rise of modern vernacular literature
- (f) Progress of science
- (g) Christian missionary activities in India.

## Social and Religious Reform movements in Bengal and Other areas:

- (a) Ram Mohan Roy
- (b) The Brahmo Movement
- (c) Devendranath Tagore
- (d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
- (e) The Young Bengal Movement
- (f) Dayananda Saraswati
- (g) The social reform movements in India including Sati, widow remarriage, child marriage etc.
- (h) The contribution of Indian renaissance to the growth of modern India
- (i) Islamic revivalism the Faraizi and Wahabi Movements.

### Indian Response to British Rule:

- (a) Peasant movements and tribal uprisings in the 18th and 19th centuries including
  - the Rangpur Dhing (1783)
  - the Kol Rebellion (1832) .
  - the Mopla Rebellion in Malabar (1832 1920) •
  - the Santhal Hul (1855) •
  - indigo rebellion (1859 - 60)
  - Deccan Uprising (1875)
  - the Munda Ulgulan (1899 1900)
- (b) The Great Revolt of 1857 Origin, character, causes of failure, the consequences
- (c) The shift in the character of peasant uprisings in the post – 1857 period
- (d) The peasant movements of the 1920s and 1930s.
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DETAILS	TEST SYLLABUS				
Test - 4	First Phase of Indian Nationalism:	(r) Cripps Mission			
18 July'23	(a) Factors leading to the birth of Indian Nationalism	(s) the Wavell Plan			
, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	(b) Politics of Association	(t) The Cabinet Mission.			
MODERN INDIA - II	(c) The Foundation of the Indian National Congress	Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935			
	(d) the Safety – valve thesis relating to the birth of the	Other strands in the National Movement:			
	Congress	(a) The Revolutionaries of Bengal, the Punjab,			
	(e) Programme and objectives of Early Congress	Maharashtra, U.P, the Madras Presidency and outside India.			
	(f) the social composition of early Congress leadership	(b) The Left within the Congress; Jawaharlal Nehru,			
	(g) the Moderates and Extremists	Subhas Chandra Bose.			
	(h) The Partition of Bengal (1905)	(c) The Congress Socialist Party			
	(i) The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal	(d) The Communist Party of India and other left parties.			
	(j) the economic and political aspects of Swadeshi	Separatist strands in the National Movement:			
	Movement	(a) Politics of Separatism			
	(k) The beginning of revolutionary extremism in India.	(b) the Muslim League			
	Second Phase of Indian Nationalism:	(c) the Hindu Mahasabha			
	(a) Rise of Gandhi	(d) Communalism and the politics of partition			
	(b) Character of Gandhian nationalism	(e) Transfer of power			
	(c) Gandhi's popular appeal	(f) Independence.			
	(d) Rowlatt Satyagraha	Consolidation as a Nation			
	(e) the Khilafat Movement	(a) Nehru's Foreign Policy			
	(f) the Non – cooperation Movement	(b) India and her neighbours (1947 - 1964)			
	<ul> <li>(g) National politics from the end of the Non – cooperation movement to the beginning of the</li> </ul>	(c) The linguistic reorganization of States (1935 - 1947)			
	Civil Disobedience movement	(d) Regionalism and Regional Inequality;			
	(h) the two phases of the Civil Disobedience	(e) Integration of Princely States			
	Movement	(f) Princes in electoral politics			
	(i) Simon Commission	(g) The question of National Language.			
	(j) The Nehru Report	Caste and Ethnicity after 1947			
	(k) The Round Table Conferences	(a) Backward castes and tribes in post – colonial			
	(I) Nationalism and the Peasant Movements	electoral politics			
	(m) Nationalism and Working class movements	(b) Dalit movements.			
	<ul> <li>(n) Women and Indian youth and students in Indian politics (1885 - 1947)</li> </ul>	Economic development and political change (a) Land reforms			
	(o) the election of 1937 and the formation of ministries	(b) the politics of planning and rural reconstruction			
	(p) Cripps Mission	(c) Ecology and environmental policy in post- colonial India			
	(q) the Quit India Movement	(d) Progress of science			

DETAILS **TEST SYLLABUS** Test - 5 (c) Extent Sources: (a) Archaeological sources: Exploration, Excavation, (d) Characteristics 25 July'23 Epigraphy, Numismatics, Monuments (e) Decline (b) Literary sources : Indigenous: Primary and ANCIENT (f) Survival secondary: poetry, scientific literature, literature INDIA - I (g) Significance in regional languages, religious literature (h) Art and architecture (c) Foreign accounts : Greek, Chinese and Arab **Arvans and Vedic Period:** writers (a) Expansions of Aryans in India Pre – History and Proto – History: (b) Religious and philosophic literature (a) Geographical factors (c) Transformation from Rig Vedic period to the later (b) Hunting and gathering (Palaeolithic and Vedic period Mesolithic) (d) Political (c) Beginning of agriculture (Neolithic and (e) Social Chalcolithic) (f) Economical life (d) Megalithic Cultures (g) Significance of the Vedic Age (e) Distribution of pastoral and farming cultures (h) Evolution of Monarchy and Varna system outside the Indus Period of Mahajanapadas or post Vedic age: (f) Development of Community life (a) Formation of States (Mahajanapada) - Republics (g) Settlements and Monarchies (h) Development of agriculture (b) Rise of urban centres (i) Development of Crafts (c) Trade routes (j) Development of Pottery (d) Economic growth (k) Development of Iron industry (e) Introduction of coinage **Indus Valley Civilization:** (f) Spread of Jainism and Buddhism (a) Origin (g) Rise of Magadha and Nandas (b) Date Iranian and Macedonian invasions and their impact Test - 6 **Mauryan Empire:** (f) Coinage (a) Foundation of the Mauryan Empire, (g) Development of religions 01 Aug'23 Chandragupta, Kautilya and Arthashastra (h) Mahayana (b) Ashoka's concept of Dharma (i) Society & Culture ANCIENT (c) Ashokan Edicts **INDIA - II** (i) Art & Architecture (d) Polity (k) Culture (e) Administration (I) Literature (f) Economy (m) Science. (g) Art, architecture and sculpture Early State and society in Eastern India, Deccan and (h) External contacts South India: (i) Religion (a) Kharavela (j) Spread of religion (b) The Satavahanas and Tamil States of the Sangam (k) Literature Age-their Administration and Economic life (I) Disintegration of the empire (c) Land grants Post – Mauryan Period: (d) Coinage (a) Sungas and Kanvas (e) Trade guilds (b) Indo – Greeks, Sakas, Kushanas, Western (f) Urban centres **Kshatrapas** (g) Buddhist centres (c) Contact with outside world (h) Sangam literature and culture (d) Growth of urban centres (i) Art and architecture. (e) Economy

## DETAILS

## **TEST SYLLABUS**

	Guptas, Vakatakas and Vardhans Age: (a) Polity and administration (b) Economic conditions	Early Medieval India, 750 – 1200: (a) Major political developments in Northern India and the Peninsula
	<ul><li>(c) Coinage of the Guptas</li><li>(d) Land grants</li></ul>	<ul><li>(b) Origin and the rise of Rajputs</li><li>(c) The Cholas : administration, Village Economy and</li></ul>
	(e) Decline of urban centres	Society
	(f) Indian feudalism	(d) Indian Feudalism
	(g) Caste system	<ul> <li>(e) Agrarian economy and urban settlements</li> <li>(f) Trade and Commerce</li> </ul>
	(h) Position of women	(g) Society:
	(i) Education	<ul> <li>the status of the Brahman and the new social</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(j) Education institutions - Nalanda, Vikramashila and Vallabhi</li> </ul>	order • Condition of women
	(k) Literature including scientific literature	(h) Indian science and technology
	(I) Art and Architecture	(i) <u>Philosophy:</u>
	Regional States during Gupta Era:	Shakaracharya and Vedanta
	(a) The Kadambas	Ramanuja and Vishistadwaita
	(b) Pallavas - Polity and administration	<ul> <li>Madhava and Brahma – Mimamsa</li> </ul>
	(c) Chalukyas of Badami and Kalyani - Polity and	(j) <u>Religion:</u>
	administration	Forms and features of religion
	(d) Trade guilds	<ul> <li>Tamil Bhakti movement - Growth of Vaishnava and Shaiva religions</li> </ul>
	(e) Literature	<ul> <li>Islam and its arrival in India</li> </ul>
	(f) Institutions of temple and temple architecture	Sufism
	(g) Palas, Senas, Rashtrakutas, Paramaras, Polity and administration	(k) Literature:
	(h) Cultural aspects.	Literature in Sanskrit
	(i) Arab conquest of Sind	Growth of Tamil literature
	(j) Alberuni	Literature in the newly developing languages
	(k) Hoysalas, Pandyas - Polity and Administration	Kalhana's Rajatarangini
	(I) Growth of art and architecture	• Alberuni's India
	(m) Religious sects	Art and Architecture : Temple architecture,     Sculpture Dainting
	(n) Institution of temple and Mathas	Sculpture, Painting Themes in Early Indian cultural History:
	(o) Agraharas	(a) Languages and texts
	(p) Education and Literature	(b) Major stages in the evolution of art and
	(q) Economy and Society.	architecture
Test - 7	DELHI SULTANATE:	(g) <u>Muhammad Tughluq:</u>
08 Aug'23	<ul> <li>(a) The Ghaurian invasions – factors behind Ghaurian success</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Major projects</li><li>Agrarian measure</li></ul>
MEDIEVAL	(b) Economic, social and cultural consequences	Bureaucracy of Muhammad Tughluq
INDIA - I	establishment of the Delhi Sultanate	(h) <u>Firuz Tughluq:</u>
	(c) Foundation of Delhi Sultanate	Agrarian measures
	(d) <u>Consolidation:</u>	Achievements in civil engineering and public
	The rule of Iltutmish and Balban	works
	(e) The Khalji revolution	(i) Decline of the Sultanate
	(f) <u>Alauddin Khalji:</u>	(j) Foreign contacts ; Ibn Battuta's account
	Conquests and territorial expansion	
	Agrarian and Economic measures	

DETAILS	TEST SYLLABUS		
	<ul> <li>early 16th Centur</li> <li>(a) Rise of Pro (Zainul Abid</li> <li>(b) The Vijayana</li> <li>(c) Lodhis</li> <li>(d) The Sur Emp</li> <li>(e) Portuguese</li> <li>(f) Bhakti and S</li> <li>Thirteenth and F</li> <li>(a) Society: <ul> <li>compose</li> <li>ruling cl</li> <li>women</li> <li>religiou</li> <li>caste ar</li> <li>Bhakti r</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	vincial Dynasties : Bengal, Kashmir in), Gujarat, Malwa, Bahmanis agar Empire vire : Sher Shah's administration Colonial enterprise ufi Movements courteenth Centuries: sition of rural society lasses, town dwellers	<ul> <li>(b) <u>Culture:</u> <ul> <li>Persian literature</li> <li>Literature in the regional languages of North India</li> <li>Literature in the languages of south India,</li> <li>Sultanate architecture and new structural forms</li> <li>Painting <ul> <li>evolution of a composite culture</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) <u>Economy:</u> <ul> <li>Agricultural production</li> <li>Rise of urban economy and non- agricultural production</li> <li>Trade and commerce</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Fifteenth and early sixteenth Century - Society and Culture: <ul> <li>(a) Regional cultural specificities</li> <li>(b) Literary traditions</li> <li>(c) Provincial architecture</li> <li>(d) Society, culture, literature and the arts in Vijayanagara Empire</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
Test - 8 15 Aug'23 MEDIEVAL INDIA - II	<ul> <li>(c) <u>Akbar:</u> <ul> <li>Conque</li> <li>Establis</li> <li>Rajput p</li> <li>Evolutio</li> <li>Theory</li> <li>Religiou</li> <li>Court p</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) Major adm Shahjahan a</li> <li>(e) The Empire a</li> <li>(f) Religious p Aurangzeb</li> <li>(g) Late Sevente</li> <li>(h) The Ahom K</li> </ul>	e Mughal State Babur and Humayun ests and consolidation of the Empire hment of jagir and Mansab systems bolicy on of religious and social outlook, of Sulh –i– Kul us policy atronage of art and technology ninistrative policies of Jahangir, nd Aurangzeb and the Zamindars olicies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and eenth century crisis and the revolts	<ul> <li>Economy and society in the 16th and 17th Centuries:</li> <li>(a) Population, agricultural production, craft production</li> <li>(b) Towns, commerce with Europe through Dutch, English and French companies - a trade revolution</li> <li>(c) Indian mercantile classes, banking, insurance and credit systems</li> <li>(d) Condition of peasants, condition of women</li> <li>(e) Evolution of the Sikh community and the Khalsa Panth</li> <li>(f) Culture in the Mughal Empire</li> <li>(g) Persian histories and the other literature</li> <li>(h) Hindi and the other religious literature</li> <li>(i) Mughal painting</li> <li>(k) Provincial architecture and painting</li> <li>(l) Classical music</li> <li>(m) Science and technology</li> <li>The Eighteenth Century:</li> <li>(a) Factors for the decline of the Mughal Empire</li> <li>(b) The regional principalities: Nizam's Deccan, Bengal, Awadh</li> </ul>
Test - 9	22 Aug'23	FULL SYLLABUS PAPER - I	Syllabus same as mentioned under T - 5 to T - 8
Test - 10	22 Aug'23	FULL SYLLABUS PAPER - II	Syllabus same as mentioned under T - 1 to T - 4
Test - 11	29 Aug'23	FULL SYLLABUS PAPER - I	Syllabus same as mentioned under T - 5 to T - 8
Test -12	29 Aug'23	FULL SYLLABUS PAPER - II	Syllabus same as mentioned under T - 1 to T - 4

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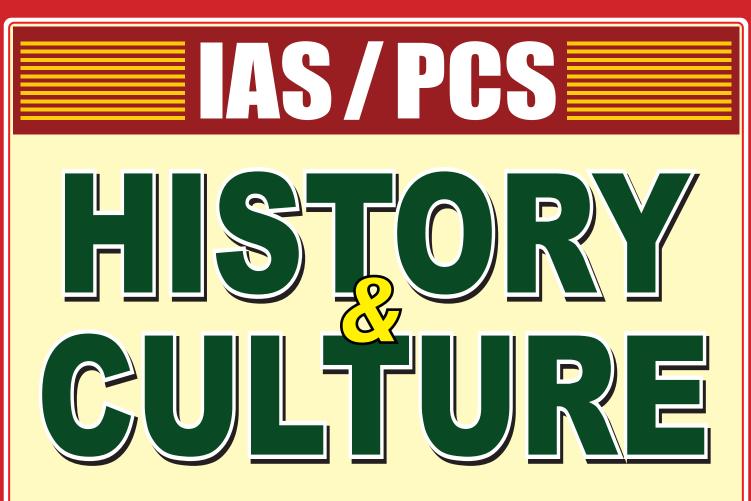
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