

Syllabus for P. G. Entrance in History 2024

Note: The syllabus prescribed for the Entrance Test has been divided into fifteen units. Each unit carries a weightage of four marks. Paper setters are required to set four multiple choice type questions with only one correct or most appropriate answer separately for each unit, giving uniform representation to the whole syllabus contained therein.

Unit I

- A. Sources: Archaeological and Literary
- B. Pre and Proto Historic Cultures—Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic: Features
- C. Indus Valley Civilization: Material Features and Decline
- D. Vedic Ages: Polity and Culture.

Unit II

- A. Rise of Magadha
- B. Non-Conformist Movements: Buddhism and Jainism
- C. Mauryan Empire: Polity, Economy, Society, Ashoka's Dhamma and Decline
- D. India Between 200 BCE and 300 CE- Indo-Greeks and Kushanas: Impact
- E. Sangam Age: Society and Culture

Unit III

- A. Guptas: Polity, Economy, Land Grants and Decline
- B. Harshavardhana: Administration, State of Buddhism

Unit IV

- A. Introduction to Prominent Sources: Sultanate Period
- B. Foundation and Expansion of Delhi Sultanate with special reference to Iltutmish and Balban
- C. Administration under Sultans; Central and Provincial
- D. Decline of Sultanate

Unit V

- A. Sources of Mughal India
- B. Foundation and Expansion-Role of Babar and Humayun
- C. Consolidation of Mughal rule under Akbar-Mansabdari system and Religious policy
- D. Aurangzeb's Deccan policy
- E. Decline of Mughal Empire

Unit VI

- A. Economic consequences of Turkish conquest, Changes in agrarian system
- B. Agrarian structure under Mughals
- C. Bakhti Movement; Main teachings
- D. Sufi Movement in India; Major orders

Unit VII

- A. Foundation of British rule in India: Battle of Plassey and Battle of Buxar
- B. Expansion of British rule: Tools (Subsidiary Alliance and Doctrine of Lapse)
- C. Revolt of 1857: Causes, Failure and Consequences
- D. Foundation of Indian National Congress
- E. Foundation and role of Muslim League
- F. Role of Moderates and Extremists.
- G. Gandhian Era: Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movement

Unit VIII

- A. Quit India Movement, Cabinet Mission and Mountbatten Plan
- B. Partition of India: Causes
- C. Legacies of Colonialism; Legacies of Indian National Movement
- D. Indian Constitution: Salient Features

Unit IX:

- 1. A. Colonial Economy: Drain of Wealth, Land Revenue Settlements and De-Industrialization
- B. Land Reforms after 1947: Tenancy Reforms; Abolition of Landlordism; Bhoodan Movement.
- C. Development of Modern Education: Macaulay's minute and Wood's Despatch.
- D. Socio-Religious Reform Movements: Brahmo Samaj, Aligarh Movement and Arya Samaj
- E. Dalit Movement: Jyotibha Phule and Bhim Rao Ambedkar

Unit X:

- A. Prehistoric Kashmir—Palaeolithic and Neolithic Cultures: Features
- B. Kashmir's contacts with the neighbouring world (From earlier times upto the 5th Century CE).
- C. Karkotas: Empire Building and Architecture
- D. Utpalas: Economy and Temple Architecture
- E. Loharas: A brief account of Lohara rulers

Unit XI

- A. Establishment of Sultanate; Developments under Shah Mir and Sikander
- B. Contribution of Zain-ul-Abidin
- C. Architecture under Sultans: Features
- D. Kashmir under Chaks; Major developments
- E. Mughal rule in Kashmir-Conquest-Changes in economy and architecture
- F. Kashmir under Afghans-An assessment
- G. Kashmir under Sikhs-An appraisal

Unit XII

- A. Formation and Nature of Dogra State: Treaty of Amritsar
- B. Role of British Residency
- C. Foundation of Muslim Conference; its Role and Conversion

- D. Ideological Scenario on eve of Partition: National Conference, Muslim Conference, Kisan Mazdoor Conference, Praja Parishad
- E. Issue of Accession and the formation of Nationalist Government
- F. Land Reforms(with special reference to Big Landed Estates Abolition Act, 1950); Article 370 and Delhi Agreement
- G. Praja Parishad Agitation; Dismissal of Sheikh and Plebiscite movement

Unit XIII

- A. Renaissance: Emergence and Significance
- B. Reformation: Role of Martin Luther
- C. Enlightenment: Main features
- D. American and French Revolution: Causes and Significance

Unit-XIV

- A. Industrial Revolution and Russian Revolution: Causes and Consequences
- B. World War-I: Causes and Consequences
- C. Rise of Fascism and Nazism: Causes
- D. World War-II: Causes and Consequences

Unit-XV

- A. Formation and Role of UNO
- B. Cold War (Ideological roots) and Non-Alignment Movement
- C. End of Cold War