

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
(ASSIGNMENT) PRE-BOARD II EXAM
(2019-2020)

CLASS-12th
SUBJECT- HISTORY

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the establishment of British East India Company in Bengal:

- I. The permanent settlement had come into operation in 1793.
- II. In 1797 there was an auction in Burdwan, during which a number of mahals held by the Raja of Burdwan were being sold.
- III. The estates of those who failed to pay were to be auctioned to recover the revenue.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. Only I
- b. I and II
- c. I and III
- d. I,II and III

Q2. Rihla was written by?

- i) Megasthenes
- ii) Al Biruni
- iii) Ibn Batutta
- iv) Domingo Paes

Q3. What do you mean by Lingas?

Q4. Who was Ibn Batuta?

Q5. Who wrote Badshahnama?

- i) Harisena
- ii) Abdul Hamid lahori
- iii) Banabhatta
- iv) Megasthenes

Q6. Assertion (A): Mahatma Gandhi thought Hindustani would be the ideal language of communication between diverse communities.

Reason(R): It could unify Hindus and Muslims and the people of the North and the South.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c. A is true but R is false.
- d. A is false but R is true.

Q7. Who was the god of warfare, rains and valor?

- i) Indra
- ii) Varuna
- iii) Agni
- iv) Soma

Q8. What do you mean by Varnas?

Q9. Identify the image:



Q10. First sermon of Buddha was delivered at?

i)Lumbini ii) kapilavastu iii)sarnath iv)kusinagara

Q11. What do you mean by Nirvana?

Q12. Who were Dhamma Mahamatras?

Q13. Who was Morco polo?

Q14. Choose the correct option:

The European traveler who has given a detailed description of the practice of sati.

- A. Manucci
- B. Francois bernier
- C. Jean baptiste tevernier
- D. Robert nobili

Q15. Francois Bernier lived in India from:

- i) 1600 to 1627
- ii) 1656 to 1668
- iii) 1650 to 1700
- iv) 1707 to 1712

Q16. Who were lingayats?

Q17. Who were the rulers of vijayanagara

- i) Ahmadshahi
- ii) gajapati
- iii) tulva
- iv) None of these

Q18. What do you mean by nirguna bhakti?

Q19. What do you mean by harmikas?

Q20. Consider the following statements regarding the establishment of British East India Company in Bengal:

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- V. In 1797 there was an auction in Burdwan, during which a number of mahals held by the Raja of Burdwan were being sold.

VI. The estates of those who failed to pay were to be auctioned to recover the revenue.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

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B I and II

C I and III

D I,II and III

Q21. How did Mahatma Gandhi maintain the communal harmony during the time of partition?

Q22. Write a short note on Language controversy.

Q23. Critically analyze the Mahabharata.

Q24. Discuss the fortification of Vijayanagara?

Q25. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:

A Rural city?

Read this extract on Madras from the Imperial Gazetteer, 1908. The better European residences are built in the midst of compounds which almost attain the dignity of parks; and rice-fields frequently wind in and out between these in almost rural fashion. Even in the most thickly peopled natives quarters such as Black town and Triplicane, there is little of the crowding found in many other towns.....

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| i) Where and why were better European residences built? | 2 |
| ii) Explain the conditions of black towns. | 2 |
| iii) State the meaning of gradual urbanization of Madras. | 2 |

Q26. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:

“Proper Social Roles”

Here is a story from the AdiParvan of the Mahabharata:

Once Drona, a Brahmana who taught archery to the Kuru princes, was approached by Ekalavya, a forest-dwelling nishada (a hunting community). When Drona, who knew the dharma, refused to have him as his pupil, Ekalavya returned to the forest, prepared an image of Drona out of clay, and treating it as his teacher, began to practice on his own. In due course, he acquired great skill in archery. One day, the Kuru princes went hunting and their dog, wandering in the woods, came upon Ekalavya. When the dog smelt the darknishada wrapped in black deer skin, his body caked with dirt, it began to bark.

Annoyed, Ekalavya shot seven arrows into its mouth. When the dog returned to the Pandavas, they were amazed at this superb display of archery. They tracked down Ekalavya, who introduced himself as a pupil of Drona.

Drona had once told his favourite student Arjuna, that he would be unrivalled amongst his pupils. Arjuna now reminded Drona about this. Drona approached Ekalavya, who immediately acknowledged and honoured him as his teacher. When Drona demanded his right thumb as his fee, Ekalavya unhesitatingly cut it off and offered it. But thereafter, when he shot with his remaining fingers, he was no longer as fast as he had been before. Thus, Drona kept his word: no one was better than Arjuna.

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| i) | Who was Drona? | 2 |
| ii) | Why did Drona refuse to have Ekalavya as his pupil? | 2 |
| iii) | How had Drona kept his word given to Arjuna? | 2 |

Q27. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:

A demon

This is an excerpt from a poem by Karaikkal

Ammaiyar in which she describes herself:

The female Pey (demoness)

with.... Bulging veins,

protruding eyes, white teeth and shrunken stomach,

red haired and jutting teeth

lengthy shins extending till the ankles,

shouts and wails

while wandering in the forest.

This is the forest of Alankatu,

which is the home of our father (shiva)

who dances..... with his matted hair

thrown in all eight directions, and with cool limbs.

i) What do you know about Karaikkal Ammaiya? (2 marks)

ii) Which ideals had she opposed? (1 mark)

iii) Which quality of herself had she mentioned in the given poem? (2 marks)

Q28. Discuss the provincial administration of Mauryans.

Q29. What do you mean by oral sources? How did oral sources help in reconstructing the history of part of India.

Q30. Discuss the role of zamindars during the Mughal rule in India.

Q31. On the given political map of India locate the following:

- i) Amritsar
- ii) Delhi
- iii) Calcutta
- iv) Ujjain
- v) Madras
- vi) Sanchi