

BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2025-26

CLASS - XII

HISTORY (141)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1 This Question paper comprises of five sections. – A, B, C, D, and E . There are 34 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.

2 Section-A -- Question no. 1 to 21 are MCQs of 1 mark each

3 Section B – Question no 22 to 27 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 -80 words.

4 Section-C -- Question no. 28 to 30 are Long Answer type questions, carrying 8 marks each. Answer to this question should not exceed 300 -350 words.

5 Section D -- Question no. 31 and 33 are Source Based questions, with three Sub Questions and carrying 4 marks each.

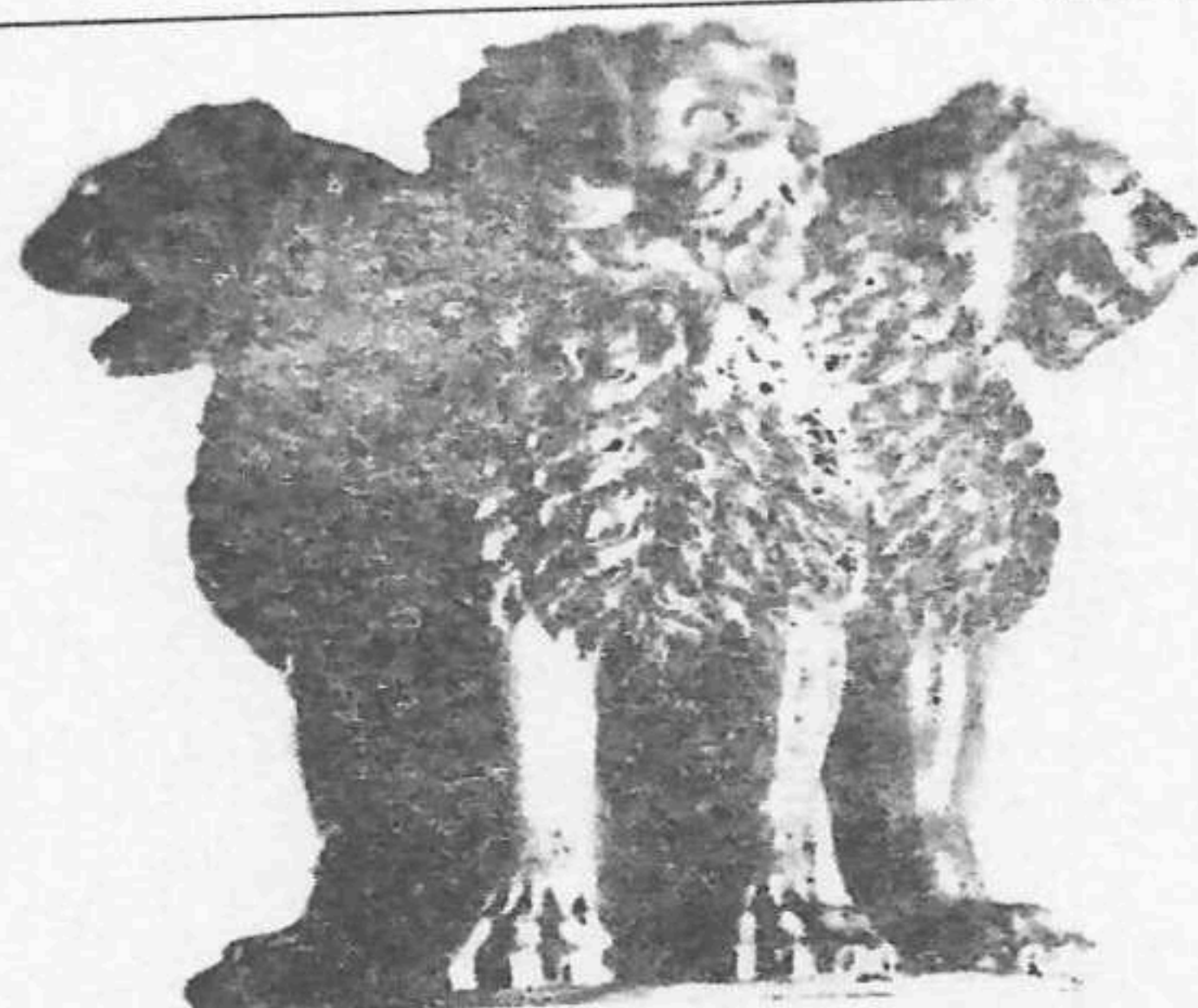
6 Section-E: Question no. 34 is map based, carrying 5 marks that includes the identification and locations of significant test items. Attach the map with the answer books.

7 There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in a few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.

8 . In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

SECTION A		MARKS
OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS (21*1= 21)		
1	<p>In which of the following language Dharmasutras were composed?</p> <p>A. Prakrit B. Pali C. Tamil D. Sanskrit</p>	1
2	<p>Where was Millet found ?</p> <p>A. Rajasthan B. Gujrat C. Punjab D. Pakistan</p>	1
3	<p>There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) followed by a statement of Reason (R) is given. Choose the correct answer of the following choices.</p> <p>Assertion: (A)Vijayanagara rulers imported horses from Arabia and central Asia.</p> <p>Reason (R): The horse trade was controlled by the Arab and Portuguese traders and local merchants called kudirai chettis.</p> <p>From the above Assertion and Reason, find which one of the following is true:</p> <p>A. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is correct explanation of (A). B. (A) and (R) both are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A). C. (A) is true, (R) is false. D. (A) is false, (R)is true.</p>	1 CB
4	<p>Consider the following statements regarding the followers of Mahavira.</p> <p>I. Lord Mahavira was 24th Tirthankar of Jainism. II. Teachings of Jainism -the whole world is animated III. Jainism started Sanghas to spread its message. IV. Jaina monks and nuns took three vows</p> <p>OPTIONS:</p>	1

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5	<div>Match the column I with column II regarding Harappan civilization and choose the correct options.</div> <div><div>Column I</div><div>Column II</div><div><div>I. 1 Harappa</div><div>II. 2.Citadel</div><div>III. 3.Lower Town</div><div>IV. 4. Dholavira</div></div><div><div>a. Water Reservoir</div><div>b. The first site to be discovered</div><div>c. Mud brick platforms</div><div>d. Roads on grid pattern</div></div></div> <div>Options</div> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>(a)</th><th>(b)</th><th>(c)</th><th>(d)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>A</td><td>iv</td><td>I</td><td>ii</td><td>iii</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>ii</td><td>I</td><td>iv</td><td>iii</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>iii</td><td>ii</td><td>I</td><td>iv</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>I</td><td>iv</td><td>iii</td><td>ii</td></tr></tbody></table>		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	A	iv	I	ii	iii	B	ii	I	iv	iii	C	iii	ii	I	iv	D	I	iv	iii	ii	1
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6	<div>Identify the foreign traveller who wrote about the India</div> <div><div>I. Ibn Battuta found Indian agriculture very productive</div><div>II. Soil of India was fertile. production</div></div> <div><div>A. Al-Biruni</div><div>B. Bernier</div><div>C. Ibn Battuta</div><div>D. Mahmood of Gaznavi</div></div>	1																									
7	<div>Identify the picture and choose the correct option.</div>	1																									



The name of this famous sculpture is

- A. The Bull Capital
- B. The lion Capital
- C. The Asoka Chakra
- D. The Peacock Capital

NOTE: The following question is ONLY for the visually impaired candidates in lieu of question number 7

Which rulers issued the first coins bearing the names of rulers?

- (A) Mauryas
- (B) Guptas
- (C) Indo- Greeks
- (D) None of above

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Which of the following statement is correct with reference to the travellers account

- A. Al-Biruni could not receive the best education available at the time
- B. It was in India that Al-Biruni developed an interest in India
- C. Al-Biruni spent years in the company of Brahmana priests and scholars, learning Sanskrit,
- D. Al-Biruni's Kitab-ul-Hind, written in Parsi,

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CB

9	<p>Which of the following statement is correct of Al-Biruni?</p> <p>A. He translated several Sanskrit works. B. He Translated Patanjali's work on grammar C. For his Brahmana friends, he translated the works of Euclid D. All the above</p>	1 CB																																			
10	<p>Why did Gandhiji tries coupling non-Co-operation movement with Khilafat movement?</p> <p>A. To bring unity among Hindus and Muslims communities B. To bring awareness C. To attract the attention of British D. To bring popularity</p>	1 CB																																			
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12	<p>Why was Peshkash levied during Mughal?</p> <p>A. To gain control B. To accept as a form of tribute C. To show concern D. All the above</p>	1
13	<p>What did Joseph Noel Paton depicted in 'In Memorium</p> <p>A. Glory B. Violence C. Helpless and innocent D. None of the above</p>	1 CB
14	<p>What does the Ain-i Akbari suggest about Akbar's vision of his empire?</p> <p>A. Akbar encouraged peasant uprisings against corrupt zamindars. B. The empire thrived due to harmony between the peasantry and the state. C. Social harmony was possible only with a weak ruling class. D. Akbar wanted complete decentralization of the Mughal state.</p>	1 CB
15	<p>Which language did Nayakas usually speak?</p> <p>A. Malayalam or Telugu B. Kannada or Telugu C. Tamil or Telugu D. Sanskrit or Telugu</p>	1 CB
16	<p>Which of the following best describes Gandhi's actions in Champaran, Ahmedabad, and Kheda?</p> <p>A. National level political campaigns B. Localized struggles focusing on specific issues C. International political movements D. Religious reform movements</p>	1 CB
17	<p>Consider the following statements regarding popular practices of Islam. Which is incorrect</p> <p>I. Sufism was evolved in the tenth century and related to Islam.</p>	1

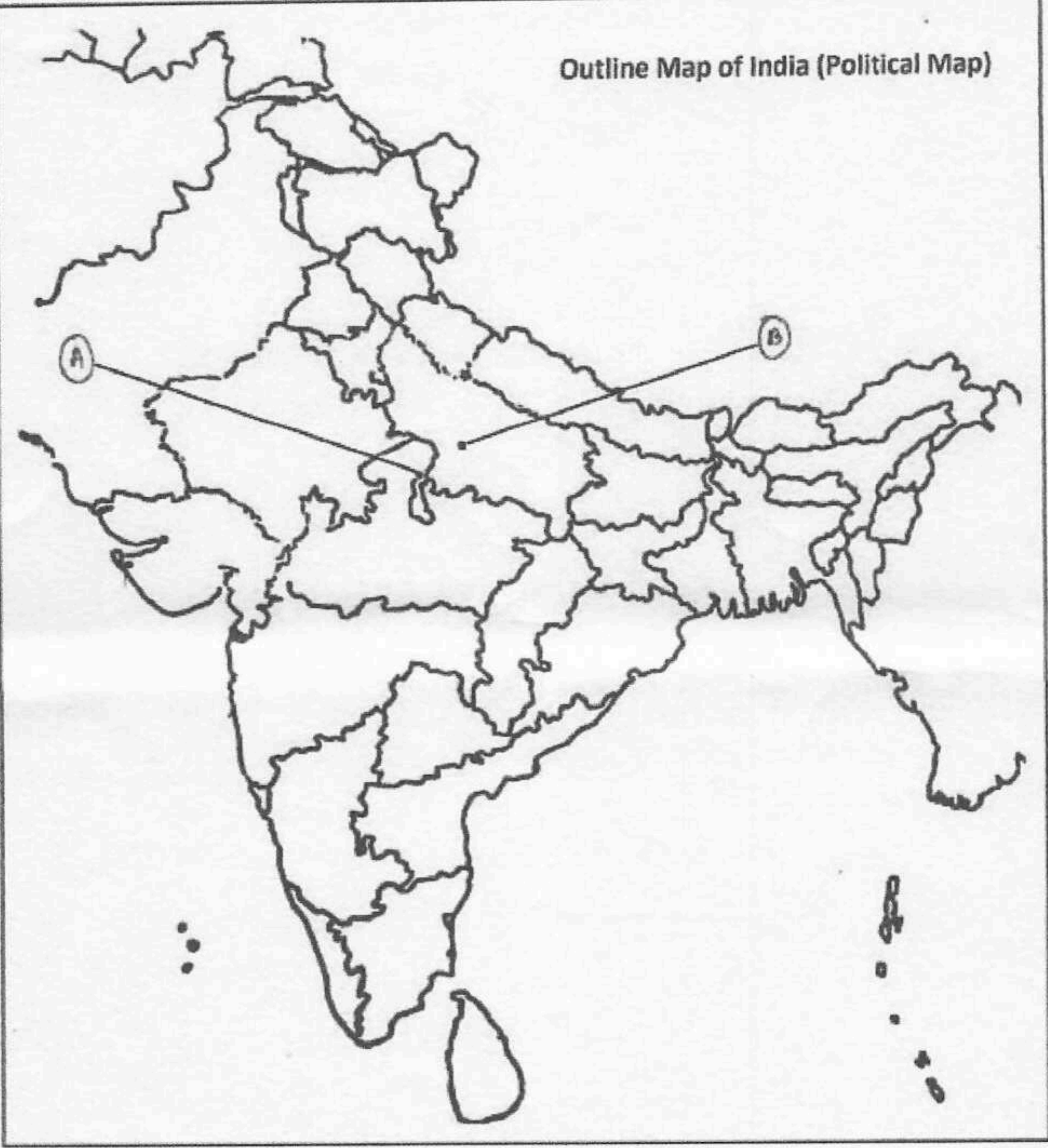
	<p>II. The coming of Islam was confined to ruling elites.</p> <p>III. Sufism is an Arabic word in the nineteenth century.</p> <p>IV. According to some scholars, Sufism is derived from suf.</p> <p>OPTIONS:</p> <p>A. Only I</p> <p>B. Only II</p> <p>C. II & III</p> <p>D. Only IV</p>	
18	<p>Choose the correct option on why did the Santhal reach the raajmahal hills?</p> <p>a) The paharias planned to rebel against the British</p> <p>b) They lived on the peripheries of Rajmahal hills.</p> <p>c) Zamindars hired Santhals to reclaim land and expand cultivation</p> <p>d) Paharias cleared forests and ploughed the land.</p>	1 CB
19	<p>"Quit India" was genuinely a ----- movement, bringing into its ambit hundreds of thousands of ordinary Indians.</p> <p>A. Popular</p> <p>B. Mass</p> <p>C. Violent</p> <p>D. Chaotic</p>	1
20	<p>Read the following statements the identify the traveller.</p> <p>I. An ambassador was sent by the ruler of Persia to Calicut (present-day Kozhikode) in the fifteenth century</p> <p>II. He noted about fortification of walls</p> <p>a) Paes</p> <p>b) Colin Mackenz</p> <p>c) Abdur Razzaq</p> <p>d) Cunningham</p>	1

21	Which one of the following statement describe correctly about the nomination of the members of the Constituent Assembly: A. Nominated by the Congress and the Muslim League B. Nominated by the Governor-General C. Directly elected by the people D. Elected by the legislatures of various provinces and nominated by the rulers of the princely states	1
	SECTION B SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (6*3= 18)	
22	A Describe the sources to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire with an example.	3 CB
	OR	3 CB
	B Why did Asoka inscribe his messages in stone surfaces?	
23	Critically examine the problems of archaeological interpretations to reconstruct religious practices.	3
24	"Bernier's descriptions occasionally hint at a more complex social reality". Examine the complex social reality.	3
25	A Analyse how did Zamindars consolidate their position gradually during Mughal period?	3 CB
	OR	3 CB
	B Analyse the role of mandal of the panchayat.	
26	"Non-cooperation was negative enough to be peaceful but positive enough to be effective". In the light of the above statement explain the unmaking of Non-cooperation.	3
27	'On 13 December 1946, Jawaharlal Nehru introduced the "Objectives Resolution" in the Constituent Assembly' Explain the Objective resolution in the light of the above statement.	3
	SECTION C LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (3*8=24)	

28	A	8
	<p>"While familial ties are often regarded as "natural" and based on blood, they are defined in many different ways".</p> <p>Examine the rules and practices of families of early societies in the light of above statement.</p>	
	OR	
29	B	8 CB
	<p>'Caste refers to a set of hierarchically ordered social categories. Justify the statement as laid down by Dharmasutras and Dharmashastras.</p>	
	OR	
30	A	8
	Examine the roles of Rayas and Nayakas of Vijayanagar empire.	
	OR	
31	B	
	"The amara-nayaka system was a major political innovation of the Vijayanagara Empire".	
	OR	
32	A	8
	How did Gandhiji announce himself as leader in 1916? Examine.	
	OR	
33	B	
	Analyse the role of Mahatma Gandhi as a people's leader?	
	OR	
<p align="center">SECTION D SOURCE BASED QUESTIONS (3*4=12)</p>		
34	Read the questions carefully and answer the following questions.	

	A prayer to Agni	1+1+2=4 CB
	<p>Here are two verses from the Rigveda invoking Agni, the god of fire, often identified with the sacrificial fire, into which offerings were made so as to reach the other deities:</p> <p>Bring, O strong one, this sacrifice of ours to the gods, O wise one, as a liberal giver. Bestow on us, O priest, abundant food. Agni, obtain, by sacrificing, mighty wealth for us.</p> <p>Procure, O Agni, for ever to him who prays to you (the gift of) nourishment, the wonderful cow. May a son be ours, offspring that continues our line ...</p> <p>Verses such as these were composed in a special kind of Sanskrit, known as Vedic Sanskrit. They were taught orally to men belonging to priestly families"</p>	
i	What was consisted of Rigveda? (1)	
ii	Who was Agni? (1)	
iii	Who performed sacrifices and why? (2)	
32	<p>Read the questions carefully and answer the following questions.</p> <p>Peasants on the move</p> <p>This was a feature of agrarian society which struck a keen observer like Babur, the first Mughal emperor, forcefully enough for him to write about it in the Babur Nama, his memoirs:</p> <p>In Hindustan hamlets and villages, towns indeed, are depopulated and set up in a moment! If the people of a large town, one inhabited for years even, flee from it, they do it in such a way that not a sign or trace of them remains in a day and a half. On the other hand, if they fix their eyes on a place to settle, they need not dig water courses because their crops are all rain-grown, and as the population of Hindustan is unlimited it swarms in. They make a tank or a well; they need not build houses or set up walls ... khas-grass abounds, wood is unlimited, huts are made, and straightaway there is a village or a town!"</p>	1+1+2=4 CB
i	What struck Babur as observer? (1)	
ii	Why did Babur write Babur Nama? (1)	
iii	What did Babur observe on towns and villages as per source? (2)	

33	Read the questions carefully and answer the following questions.	
	On clearance and settled cultivation	1+1+2=4 CB
	<p>"Passing through one village in the lower Rajmahal hills, Buchanan wrote: The view of the country is exceedingly fine, the cultivation, especially the narrow valleys of rice winding in all directions, the cleared lands with scattered trees, and the rocky hills are in perfection; all that is wanted is some appearance of progress in the area and a vastly extended and improved cultivation, of which the country is highly susceptible. Plantations of Asan and Palas, for Tessar (Tassar silk worms) and Lac, should occupy the place of woods to as great an extent as the demand will admit; the remainder might be all cleared, and the greater part cultivated, while what is not fit for the purpose, might rear Plamira (palmyra) and Mowa (mahua)"</p>	
i	Who was Buchanan? (1)	
ii	What was Mowa and what did they do with Mowa? (1)	
iii	Who live in Rajmahal hills and how? (2)	
	<p>Section-D Map Based Question (1*5=5)</p>	
34	<p>34.1</p> <p>On the given political outline map of India, locate and label of the following with appropriate symbol.</p> <p>I. Nageswar- Mature Harrapan sites II. Topra - Asokan inscription III. Lumbini - Major Buddhist site</p> <p>Or</p> <p>III Ajanta - Major Buddhist site</p>	1+1+1=3 CB

	<p style="text-align: center;">Outline Map of India (Political Map)</p> 	
34.2	<p>On the same outline map of India, two places of Revolt of 1857 empire marked as A and B. Identify it and write their names on the line drawn near them.</p>	2
	<p>Note: The following questions are for the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 34</p> <p>A Name Any two Territories under Mughals.</p> <p>B (i) Mention any one place of the centres of revolt of 1857 (Any Two)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1</p>