

**M.A. (PREVIOUS) [IMPROVEMENT/SUPPLEMENTARY] DEGREE  
EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY 2021**

(SDE)

M.A. History

Paper VIII—IDEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Sketch the contribution of Subhash Chandra Bose and INA to Indian freedom struggle.
2. Critically examine the political programmes of extremists.
3. Examine the importance of Quit India movement.
4. Explain the rise of socialist ideology in India ? What was its impact ?
5. Discuss the role of indigenous historians in reconstructing India's past.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Examine the role of Gandhi in Indian national movement.
7. Write the process of Census and Surveys of colonial rule in India.
8. Discuss the factors that caused to the evolution of Swarajists.
9. Explain the important theories regarding the emergence of nationalism
10. Discuss the nature of state in Colonial India.
11. Critically examine the movement of Revolutionary Terrorism.
12. Examine the economic critique of colonialism.
13. Distinguish between the ideologies of Anglicists and Orientalists.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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Paper VII—SELECTED THEMES IN INDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.  
Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Trace the oriental perception on Indian history. Give the works and historians associated with them.
2. Critically analyse the contributions of Nationalist historians to the reconstruction of India's past.
3. Examine the various social formations as reflected in Epics.
4. Evaluate the contributions of D. D. Kosambi as a historian.
5. Distinguish between the two different representations of Akbar and his times in the works of Abul Fazal and Badauni.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part- B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the Following short Essays in not more than four pages each.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Examine the role of archaeology in the reconstruction of Indian history.
7. Give an account of Imperialist historiography and its impact in modern India.
8. Sketch contribution of Kalhana to ancient Indian historiography.
9. Explain the significance of Gazetteers and letters in the medieval Indian Historiography.
10. Critically examine the works of Cambridge historians.
11. Examine R S Sharma's views on Indian feudalism.
12. Elucidate the significance of subaltern historiography.
13. Discuss the importance regional histories and local traditions.

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Paper VI—FORMATION OF MODERN KERALA

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following Essays in not more than eight pages each.  
Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Analyze the British land Revenue policy during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
2. Critically examine the divergent views regarding the nature of Malabar rebellion of 1921.
3. Examine the concept of Renaissance with particular reference to the pioneers of Social reform movements in Kerala.
4. Trace the growth of Communist party in Kerala and assess its role in Kerala Politics
5. Discuss the different stages of Aikya Kerala Movement.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the Following short Essays in not more than four pages each  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Write on the role of Missionaries in bringing about social change in Kerala.
7. Explain the significance of Vaikom Satyagraha.
8. Examine the nature of early resistance movements against the British.
9. Bring out the significance of the Surveys of Buchanan and Ward and Connor.
10. Assess the nature of Breast Cloth disturbances.
11. Explain the spread of Civil Disobedience Movement in Malabar
12. Discuss the importance of Punnappra Vayalar uprising in the history of peasant movement in Kerala.
13. Write on the Colonial perception of Mappilas.

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Paper V—MEDIEVAL STATE AND SOCIETY

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.  
Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. What is feudalism ? How was feudalism viewed by different scholars ?
2. Examine the major features of transition from ancient to medieval.
3. Discuss the rise of imperial systems in China.
4. Examine the features and extent of overland trade in India.
5. Critically examine the major causes and effects of crusades.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Explain the limitations of Medieval science and technology.
7. Write a note on the struggle between emperor and pope.
8. What were the doctrines of Confucianism ? Discuss its impact on Chinese society.
9. Critically examine the Sufi traditions in Islam.
10. Trace the growth of kingship systems in India.
11. Evaluate the important causes of the decline and fall of Roman Empire.
12. Analyse the major causes of the decline of serfdom.
13. Examine the features of social systems in middle ages.

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Paper IV—SELECTED DEBATES IN INDIAN HISTORY

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. "The theory of Aryan race has a genesis in colonial attempt to discover the Indian Past" Substantiate.
2. Explain Kosambi's theory on the origin and development of feudalism in India.
3. Write an essay on the deindustrialization debate.
4. Analyze the subaltern critique of the Nationalist and the Marxist positions on the Indian National Movement.
5. Evaluate the different theories on the impact of British rule in India.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Comment on the concept of 'cultural nationalism' in India.
7. What is your opinion about Aryan invasion theory ?
8. What are the ideas of Cambridge Historians on Colonialism ?
9. Give an account of South Indian Feudalism.
10. Critically evaluate gender marginalization in the freedom struggle.
11. Write on Irfan Habib's argument on the potentialities of capitalist development in Mughal India.
12. Elucidate the theories of commercial capitalism.
13. Write on the early theories on Pre Modern India.

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Paper III—THEORY AND METHOD OF HISTORIOGRAPHY

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Discuss the positivist logic of Auguste Comte.
2. Evaluate the relationship between post modernism and history.
3. Write on Annales school and their agenda of "total history".
4. Examine Max Weber's theory of sociological materialism..
5. Critically evaluate Edward Said's theory of Orientalism

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**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the Following short Essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Critically evaluate Federic Hegel's philosophy of History.
7. Write a note on Structural Marxism.
8. Explain historical materialism as a tool of understanding the past.
9. Analyse Ranke's idea of objectivity in historical writing.
10. Critically examine Michael Foucault's knowledge and power
11. Examine the emergence of women's history.
12. Discuss Pierre Bourdieu's critical and reflexive sociology.
13. Examine Antonio Gramsci's theory of hegemony..

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Paper II—HISTORY OF KERALA—I

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Explain the geographical and environmental features of Kerala.
2. Critically evaluate the major legends of Kerala. To what extent they can be used as source material for reconstructing the past of Kerala.
3. 'The waves of Arabian sea have brought much wealth and wisdom to Kerala'-Substantiate.
4. Discuss the discovery of Kerala's past during the British period with emphasis on archaeology and epigraphical sources.
5. Discuss the recent trends in analyzing and interpreting modern Kerala history.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the Following short essays in not more than four pages each*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Attempt a critical evaluation of inland migrations to Kerala.
7. Bring out the relevance of Manuals in the historiography of Kerala.
8. Write on the different types of traditional writing in Kerala.
9. Examine the role of hill products in shaping Kerala's history and economy.
10. Bring out the significance of *Granthavaris* as a source of Kerala history.

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11. How does Colonial ethnography influenced the historiography of modern Kerala.
12. Evaluate the historical significance of Oral traditions in Kerala.
13. Discuss the major attempts of Marxist historiographical traditions in Kerala.

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Paper I—STATE AND SOCIETY IN ANCIENT WORLD

(2008 Admissions onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Discuss the Historiography of Mauryan empire.
2. Explain the nature of mode of production and process of state formation in ancient greece.
3. Critically analyse the nature and character of persian empire.
4. Evaluate slavery in ancient Rome.
5. Discuss science and technology in ancient China.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Discuss the role of yellow river in the History of China.
7. Describe common features of Bronze Age Civilizations.
8. Analyse the importance of Ancient Indian Philosophical thought.
9. What is the importance of Silk route ?
10. Critically evaluate Zorastrianism.
11. Discuss system of slavery in Ancient Greece.
12. Bring out the major features of Science and Technology in Ancient China.
13. Substantiate Edward Gibbon's views on the decline of Roman Empire.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)