

HISTORY HONS – PAPER II

Model Questions

Short Answer Type

1. What do you mean by the Agrahara (land grant) system?
2. What is the significance of Arab Conquest of Sindh?
3. Write a short note on Tripartite Struggle.
4. Why were 'Mandalam' and Valanadu' so important in Chola polity?
5. What was the distinctiveness of Barani as an historian?
6. What is meant by Chihalgani? Who destroyed their power and why?
7. Who were the Khuts and Muqaddams?
8. What do you mean by Kharaj, Zakat, Jizya and Khams?
9. Why did Raziya fail?
10. Assess Malik Kafur's contributions to Khalji imperialism.
11. What was the importance of Battle of Tarain in Indian history.
12. Give two reasons why Alauddin Khalji wanted to control prices.
13. How did Jagannath cult develop?
14. When did Vasco da Gama reach India? What were his objectives?
15. Who built Adina Masjid? What were its architectural characteristics/
16. Which were the major Sufi silsilahs in India?

Essay Type

1. Would you consider the economic conditions and the agrarian system between 650 AD and 1000AD as feudal in nature?
2. Discuss the key features of Chola administration.
3. Trace the growth of Bengal as the regional power under the leadership of the Palas.
4. In what ways did the invasions of Muhammad Ghori differ from those of Muhammad of Ghazna? How would you account for the success of the Turks. 6+14
5. Trace the evolution of the theory of Kingship from Iltutmish to Alauddin Khalji.

6. Assess the contribution of Iltutmish towards the political consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate.
7. What impelled Alauddin Khalji to introduce his economic reforms? How far were these effective?
8. What is meant by Khalji imperialism? How did Alauddin Khalji implement it?
9. Do you think that the 'schemes of Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq were correctly conceived, badly executed and disastrously abandoned? What were their results?
10. Trace the evolution of the Iqta System?
11. Assess the historical importance of Sufism in the cultural life of medieval India.
12. Examine various trends in the Bhakti movement. Assess its impact on the social and cultural life of medieval India.
13. How did Hussain Shah bring about political stability in Bengal? What were its effects on the cultural life in medieval Bengal?
14. How would you assess the contribution of Ilias Shah to the political and cultural life of Bengal?
15. Make a brief survey of the Vijayanagara economy emphasising the features of the Nayankara System?
16. Make a brief survey of the Vijayanagara economy emphasising the features of the nayanrara system
17. Give a critical account of the Mughal-afghan contest for supremacy (1526-1556)? Why were the Mughals successful?
18. What were the salient features of Sher Shah's administration? How far did it is correct to call him a precursor of Akbar in the field of administration.