

Std. 11
17-9-2016

Half Yearly Examination in **HISTORY**

Time : 3 hrs.
M. Marks : 80

General instructions:

- i) Answer to questions carrying 2 marks (Part A - Questions No. 1 – 12) should not exceed 30 words each.
- ii) Answer to questions carrying 5 marks (Part B – Questions no. 13 – 24) should not exceed 100 words each.
- iii) Answer to questions carrying 8 marks (Part C – Questions no. 25 – 28) should not exceed 350 words each.

Part - A

Answer **all** questions (12 x 2 = 24 marks)

1. Who were the Sufis?
2. Give a brief geographical description of early Mesopotamian society.
3. What are the two divergent views on the origin of early Humans?
4. Why did the monetary system breakdown in the late Roman Empire?
5. Define fossils.
6. What were the changes made by the late Roman Emperor Diocletian in terms of the administration of the empire?
7. What made Genghis Khan to change his mind on his march through North India and Assam on his way back to Mongolia?
8. What were the consequences of the Crusades?
9. How did the invention and controlled use of fire benefit the early humans?
10. What were the advantages of living in the cities of the Roman Empire?
11. Who were the people publically honored by Genghis Khan?
12. What does the Great Wall of China symbolize?

Part - B Section 1 Answer any **two** questions : (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

13. The Shift from foraging to farming was a major turning point in human history. Explain.
14. Discuss the reasons for the success of Genghis Khan in his military expeditions.
15. Name the first four Caliphs and describe in brief their major roles in the early Islamic Empire.

Section 2 Answer any **two** questions : (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

16. What were the reasons for the origin of trade in Mesopotamia?
17. Briefly explain about the courier system introduced by Genghis Khan.
18. What was the contribution of Muslim world to the methods of payment and business organization ?

Section 3 Answer any **two** questions : (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

19. Describe the Abbasid Revolution in the early History of the central Islamic lands.
20. How was it possible for the emperor to cope with the control and administration of such a vast and diverse set of territories and population in the early Roman Empire?
21. What is Sharia?

Section 4 Answer any **two** questions : (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

22. Mosques, shrines, and tombs from Spain to Central Asia showed the same basic designs. Explain.
23. What is the greatest legacy of Mesopotamia to the world?
24. Briefly discuss what is known as the third century crisis in the Roman Empire.

Part - C Section 1 (1 x 8 = 8 marks)

25. What were the reasons which led to the Holy Wars or the Crusades?
(OR)
26. Describe the layout of a city during the Islamic Period.

Section 2 (1 x 8 = 8 marks)

27. Describe the position of women in the Roman Empire.
(OR)
28. How will you situate Genghis Khan and the Mongols in world history?