
QUESTION PAPER

TEST- IV (MEDIEVAL INDIA)

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Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

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There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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SECTION A

Q.1 Answer the following in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

- (a) "Dara Shikoh was not only an enlightened paragon of the harmonious coexistence of heterodox traditions but also a patron of art." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (b) Give an account of regional architecture developed in Eastern India in medieval period. [10 Marks]
- (c) "Religion and religious classes played an important role in the Vijayanagar Empire." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (d) What do you know about the Tughlaq ruler in Delhi Sultanate from the account of Ibn Battuta? [10 Marks]
- (e) "The temple in medieval north India was just not a religious institution." Elaborate. [10 Marks]

Q.2

- (a) What motivated Akbar to enunciate Din-i-Ilahi, which is sometimes called an unwise policy? How far did Akbar succeed in spreading it? [20 Marks]
- (b) Bring out the significance of the reign of Sher Shah in the history of India? [20 Marks]
- (c) Give an account of major craft and technology introduced in India during Sultanate period. [10 Marks]

Q.3

- (a) Explain the development of the Mughal concept of sovereignty under Babur and Humayun? How it reached at its climax under Akbar? [20 Marks]
- (b) How the conflict between Ahom Kingdom and Mughal took shape under different Mughal Emperors? What was the significant role played by Lachit Barphukan in this struggle? [20 Marks]
- (c) "Adi Shankara was not an ivory tower philosopher; he was political sage, engaging with and responding to the historical context of his time." Elucidate. [10 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) "Land grant was at its height in early medieval period." Throw light on land grant types and its ideological background. [20 Marks]
- (b) "With the best intentions, excellent ideas, but no balance or patience, no sense of proportion, Muhammad Tughluq was a transcendent failure". Elaborate. [20 Marks]
- (c) Describe the influence of Sufism and Bhakti Movement on each other. [10 Marks]

SECTION B

Q.5 Answer the following in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

- (a) "Kalhan is a renowned name in history world not because of his history of Kashmir but because of his modern sense of historiography." Elucidate. [10 Marks]

(b) How and why hundis became an important form of money transaction during the Mughal period? [10 Marks]

(c) Delineate the development of Mughal architecture during the reign of Shahjahan. [10 Marks]

(d) "Give an account of development of Art and Architecture during Chola rule. [10 Marks]

(e) "Humayun tumbled through life and tumbled out of it." Comment. [10 Marks]

Q.6

(a) "Women participation in Bhakti movements contributed in emancipation of women." Critically Examine. [20 Marks]

(b) How did arrival of Portuguese affect existing trade system of Indian ruler and merchants? [20 Marks]

(c) "Badauni possessed an analytic independent mind with different views than official line." Comment. [10 Marks]

Q.7

(a) How do you explain the rise of Maratha as a major power in Deccan towards the middle of the 17th century? [20 Marks]

(b) Discuss the agrarian measures and public work activities undertaken by Firuz Shah Tughluq. [20 Marks]

(c) What was the European impact on Mughal painting? [10 Marks]

Q.8

(a) Discuss the state of society and economy of the Bahmani kingdom as gleaned from historical sources. [20 Marks]

(b) What light do inscriptions and accounts of European travellers throw on Nayankara and Ayagar system of the Vijayanagar Empire? [20 Marks]

(c) What is Mansabdari system? Throw light on its significance during Mughal period. [10 Marks]