
QUESTION PAPER

SECTIONAL TEST- III (MEDIEVAL INDIA)

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Time Allowed: 105 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 150

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There are FOUR questions in this paper.

Candidate has to attempt THREE questions in all.

Question No. 1 is compulsory and out of the remaining, TWO are to be attempted.

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) Give a brief account of the early medieval temple architecture of central India. [10 Marks]
- (b) How the Acharyas contributed in the development of the ideological basis of Bhakti? [10 Marks]
- (c) Evaluate the contribution of Razia Sultan in Delhi Sultanate. [10 Marks]
- (d) Trace the technological development in the early medieval India with special reference to agriculture technology. [10 Marks]
- (e) "Mahmud Gawan was a competent general, effective administrator and a patron of art and education." Comment. [10 Marks]

Q.2

- (a) "Economic regulations of Alauddin Khalji succeeded in preserving cheapness in the market of Delhi even during the years of drought but at the cost of infinite oppression. All his fantastic regulations died with him." Explain. [20 Marks]
- (b) Delineate the trade and commerce in the 13th and 14th century. [15 Marks]
- (c) Critically examine the different views on reasons behind success of Turks in conquering India. [15 Marks]

Q.3

- (a) How Amir Khusrau contributed to the poetry, literature, language and history during the Sultanate period? Can he be considered as a historian? [20 Marks]
- (b) "Though nadu and nagaram played a significant role in the growth of urbanisation, there were other factors which created a suitable environment for urbanisation during the Cholas." Elaborate. [15 Marks]
- (c) "Several historical studies and writings have raised several questions on the applicability of the term 'Indian Feudalism' to early medieval society." Analyse. [15 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) "Zain-ul Abedin made his place in history by his effective administration, religious tolerance, as a builder, as a patronage to literature and learning, economic development and turning Kashmir into a smiling garden of industry." Elaborate. [20 Marks]
- (b) "Consolidation and decline of the Sultanate were largely the result of constructive and destructive activities of nobles." Elucidate. [15 Marks]
- (c) Compare the agrarian reform measures undertaken by Alauddin Khalji and Sher Shah Suri. [15 Marks]