
QUESTION PAPER

SECTIONAL TEST- IV (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) "Baburnama is not merely soldier's chronicle of marches and countermarches...they contain the personal impressions and acute reflections of a cultured man." Explain. [10 Marks]
- (b) Delineate new features introduced in the Mughal architecture during the reign of Jahangir and Shahjahan with examples. [10 Marks]
- (c) "The evolution of the Khalsa panth had background of persecution and struggle as well as changing nature of Guruship." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (d) "Medieval Indian towns were merely as extension of villages." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (e) Trace the evolution of religious views of Akbar. [10 Marks]

Q.2

- (a) What were the main features of the Mansab and Jagir systems? Answer with special reference to the reign of Akbar. [20 Marks]
- (b) Give a brief account of Maratha fiscal and financial system in 18th Century. [15 Marks]
- (c) Several Mughal rulers patronised art of painting but it did not progress on a similar shows different lines rather shows different trends. Do you agree? [15 Marks]

Q.3

- (a) "Vijayanagara Empire saw a high level of development in Art, literature and culture". Discuss. [20 Marks]
- (b) Delineate the relation between agrarian classes during Mughal India. How the disturbance of the tripolar relationship between jagirdar, zamindar and peasant caused the decline of the Mughal Empire in 18th century. [15 Marks]
- (c) Was there any potentiality of emergence of capitalism in Mughal India along the lines of what happened in Europe? Discuss. [15 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) "The Empire built by Akbar by enlisting the support of the Rajputs was destroyed by Aurangzeb by alienating the Rajputs." Critically examine. [20 Marks]
- (b) Give an account of the rule of Ahom Kingdom in Medieval India. [15 Marks]
- (c) "18th century India witnessed decline of centralised empire and created a political vacuum." Critically comment. [15 Marks]