

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2010

### MA (History)

Time : 2 Hours

Max Marks : 100

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### INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts (part A and part B). Both the parts have to be attempted compulsorily.
  2. Part 'A' has to be answered in the question paper itself. Each question carries one mark. It should be noted that there is a negative marking of 0.33 for every wrong answer. The negative marking is only for part 'A'.
  3. Part 'B' consists of three sections which have to be answered in separate answer books provided. If necessary you can use additional answer books.
  4. Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items.
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MA Entrance Paper 2010 (HISTORY)

Part A Objective Questions

1. Bitumen was a material used by the Indus people for
  - a) Indigestion
  - b) Waterproofing
  - c) Fire-retardant
  - d) Roads
  
2. When the Indus Civilization was in a flourishing state in 2000 BC, the extreme South India was in
  - a) Neolithic Age
  - b) Mesolithic Age
  - c) Iron Age
  - d) Megalithic Age
  
3. During the Early Vedic Period, the chief of the tribe was known as
  - a) Pramukha
  - b) Gopati
  - c) Pushan
  - d) Vidhata
  
4. In which inscription does Ashoka state that "all men are my children" ?
  - a) Dhauli inscription
  - b) Rummendei pillar inscription
  - c) Allahabad pillar inscription
  - d) Junnar inscription
  
5. Samudragupta defeated Swamidatta of
  - a) Kosala
  - b) Pishtapura
  - c) Mahakantara
  - d) Kottura

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6. Which of the following animals is NOT depicted on the Indus seals?
  - a) Elephant
  - b) Tiger
  - c) Unicorn
  - d) Horse
  
7. The author of Mahabhasya was
  - a) Panini
  - b) Patanjali
  - c) Sankara
  - d) Bhaskara
  
8. During the medieval period, Sonargaon was famous for
  - a) Raw silk and muslin
  - b) Gold and silver
  - c) Cotton
  - d) Iron and copper
  
9. What is the language in which Srikrishna Devaraya wrote 'Amukta Malyada'
  - a) Sanskrit
  - b) Tamil
  - c) Kannada
  - d) Telugu
  
10. What did the word 'kuruvai' in the Vijayanagara Empire denote
  - a) Type of rice
  - b) Silk
  - c) Dry land
  - d) Tax-free land

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11. Who wrote Tabaqat-i-Nasiri?
- Balban
  - Minhaj-us-Siraj
  - Razia Sultan
  - Iltutmish
12. The meaning of the term 'Iqta' in medieval period is
- Revenue assignment
  - Charitable grant
  - Uncultivated land
  - Tax
13. Where did Shivaji station his naval fleet?
- Kolaba
  - Raigarh
  - Shivner
  - Jinji
14. During the rule of Sur dynasty, the term 'Jaribana' was used for
- Judicial system
  - Mansab system
  - Tax collector
  - Surveyor fee
15. The book 'Social Contract' written during the French Revolution is authored by
- Montesquieu
  - Rousseau
  - D'Alambert
  - Voltaire

16. The founder of the Kuomintang Party is

- a) Sun-Yat-Sen
- b) Mao Tse Dong
- c) Yuan Shikai
- d) Chiang Kaishek

17. Who among the following wrote 'Divine Comedy'

- a) Herodotus
- b) Boccacio
- c) Dante
- d) Petrarch

18. The 'Bill of Rights' was passed in England after

- a) Restoration
- b) Glorious Revolution
- c) War of Roses
- d) Civil War

19. The Governor-General during whose regime railways were introduced in India was

- a) Dalhousie
- b) Cornwallis
- c) William Bentinck
- d) Curzon

20. The Battle of Buxar was fought in the year

- a) 1757
- b) 1764
- c) 1772
- d) 1793

21. Permanent Settlement of land revenue was a system introduced in Bengal by
- Warren Hastings
  - Cornwallis
  - Robert Clive
  - Wellesley
22. Which social reformer of the nineteenth century emphasized that Indian men needed to become stronger and more masculine for the Indian society to become confident and shake off alien influences
- Dayananda Saraswati
  - Swami Vivekananda
  - Bhagat Singh
  - Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
23. Which of the following set of movements is associated with the Communist Party of India
- Rowlatt Satyagraha, Non-Cooperation, Kheda
  - Champanan, Bardoli, Chauri-Chaura
  - Tebhaga, Telangana, Punnapra-Vayalar
  - Dandi, Dharasana, Vedaranyam
24. Which Viceroy was supposed to have encouraged A O Hume to set up the Indian National Congress as a safety valve for the release of political dissension
- Curzon
  - Dufferin
  - Ripon
  - Lytton
25. Who formed the Forward Bloc within the Congress
- C R Das
  - P Sundarayya
  - Subhas Chandra Bose
  - P C Joshi

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**Part B**

**Marks 3x25=75**

Answer any three questions, choosing one from each section. Each question carries 25 marks. Please use separate answer book for each section.

**Section I**

1. Why is the Indus Valley Civilization considered one of the great civilizations of the ancient world?
2. Assess the contribution of the Gupta Period to the fields of art, literature and culture.
3. Write about the salient features of the Ashokan policy of 'Dhamma.'
4. Discuss the factors that led to the rise of heterodox religions during the Sixth Century BC.
5. Write about the important features of the society during the Sangam Age.

**Section II**

1. Discuss the 'blood and iron' policy of Balban.
2. Write about the economic reforms of Alauddin Khilji.
3. How did the jagirdari system function under the Mughal rule?
4. What was the contribution of Bhakti and Sufi saints to the growth of a syncretic culture in medieval India?
5. How did the system of administration function under Shivaji?

**Section III**

1. What was the economic impact of the British rule on the Indian economy?
2. When did India start becoming a nation? What are the factors that contributed to the growth of nationalism in India?
3. Who are some of the important social reformers of India? What kind of activities did they take up?
4. When did the Indian national movement become a mass movement and how?

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5. What are the various factors that led to the launch of the 'Quit India' Movement? Was that movement successful?

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