

History Sample Paper - 1

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 1

The Mauryan Empire was founded by

- A) Chandergupta Maurya B) Asoka C) Chanakya D) Bimbisara

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 2

The most valuable source of information about the Mauryan times is

- A) Megasthenes' work B) Asokan inscriptions C) Arthshastra D) Copper plate inscriptions

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 3

A majority of Asoka's inscriptions are written in

- A) Sanskrit B) Prakrit C) Pali D) Hindi

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 4

Dhamma, the moral code of life, was enunciated by

- A) Asoka B) Harshvardhan C) Chandergupta I D) Chandragupta Maurya

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 5

Kalinga was the old name given to today's

- A) Odisha B) West Bengal C) Madhya Pradesh D) Bihar

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 6

The *Shakas* came to India from

- A) Central Asia B) Greece C) Afghanistan D) West Asia

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 7

The Allahabad Pillar inscription is also known as _____.

- A) Priya Rasam B) Priya Prashasti C) Devam Prashasti D) Prayaga Prashasti

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 8

The *Jataka* tales are written in _____.

- A) Hindi B) Sanskrit C) Pali D) Prakrit
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 9

Agricultural production showed a significant rise in Buddha's times due to the use of

- A) Iron tools B) Wells and tanks C) Both A and B D) Oxen
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 10

Pick out the RIGHT statement.

- A) Copper-plate land grants began to be given in the early centuries of the Common Era
B) The *Zamindari* tradition began in the early centuries C) During Buddha's times, animal sacrifices were on the rise
D) Asoka began the system of giving land grants
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 11

The term *sovanika* used in ancient inscriptions refers to a

- A) a village feast B) beautiful woman C) goldsmith D) businessman
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 12

The first dynasty to issue coins, which can be attributed to a king with certainty, were struck by the

- A) Kushanas B) Mauryas C) Indo-Greeks D) Guptas
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 13

The Indo-Greek king, who later converted to Buddhism, was

- A) Byzantium B) Xerxes C) Menander D) Xander
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 14

Chandergupta Maurya ascended the throne in the year

- A) 272 BC B) 327 BC C) 261 BC D) 321 BC
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 15

The *Saka Samvata* was begun by Kanishka in ____ to mark his ascension to the throne.

- A) 261 AD B) 78 AD C) 58 BC D) 320 AD

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 16

The Brahmi and Kharoshti scripts were decoded by

- A) AH Wheeler B) Daya Ram Sahni C) William Jones D) James Prinsep

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 17

In Asokan times, the language of the common people was

- A) Sanskrit B) Prakrit C) Hindi D) Pali

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 18

Oligarchy has been labelled as _____ in ancient literature.

- A) kula B) shreni C) gana or sangha D) gramini

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 19

Pick out the wrong statement.

- A) Having standing armies was a norm during the 6th century BC
B) *Dharmasutras* were composed in Sanskrit during the 6th century BC
C) The Brahmins were not the ruling class during the 6th century BC
D) Elephants were an important component of the army.

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 20

The Sudarshana Lake in Gujarat was restored by

- A) Milind B) Rudradaman C) Gautmiputra Satkarni D) Kanishka

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 21

Who issued the most number of gold coins in ancient India?

- A) The Guptas B) The Mauryas C) The Satavahanas D) The Kushanas

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 22

The practice of _____ played a significant role in improving farm output during the Buddha's times.

- A) canal irrigation B) Crop rotation C) tilling with oxen D) Paddy transplantation
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 23

Find the wrongly matched option.

- A) Chalukyas: Karnataka B) Pallavas: Tamilnadu C) Cheras: Maharashtra D) The Indo-Greeks: North-West India
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 24

The last great Hindu king of north India was

- A) Rajyavardhan B) Asoka C) Harshvardhan D) Skandagupta
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 25

The Iron Pillar located at Mehrauli (Delhi) records the achievements of

- A) Chandragupta Maurya B) Asoka C) Chandragupta II D) Samudragupta
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 26

Huen Tsang had come to India to

- A) To study Buddhism B) know about the geography of India C) Establish political ties with India
D) do nothing in particular
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 27

In ancient literature, the word *Sangam* refers to

- A) a Buddhist assembly B) an assembly of poets C) a representative political assembly D) an assembly of all kings
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 28

The Indo-Greek ruler, who converted to Buddhism later, was

- A) Menander B) Milind C) Anon D) Xerxes
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 29

The Vakatakas were powerful rulers in the _____ of India, into whose family Chandergupta Maurya had married off his daughter.

- A) South B) West C) East D) North-West

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 30

Most of the information we have about the Harappans comes from

- A) The Rigveda B) Copper plates C) Rock edicts D) Seals

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 31

The remains of the Indus Valley civilization were discovered first in

- A) Mohanjodaro B) Chanhudaro C) Harappa D) Kalibangan

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 32

The predominant component of the Harappans' diet was

- A) a variety of plants and animals B) game animals C) sourced from gathering and hunting D) plants only

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 33

The Harappans used to domesticate

- A) Cattle B) Goats C) Buffaloes D) All of these

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 34

The Harappan seals are made of

- A) Copper B) China clay C) Terracotta D) Iron

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 35

Some traces of canals during the Harappan period have been discovered in

- A) Sindh (Pakistan) B) Rajasthan C) Shortughai (Afghanistan) D) Sanghol (Panjab)

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 36

The most well-known Harappan settlement is found in

- A) Sanghol B) Dholavira C) Harappa D) Mohanjodaro
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 37

The Great Bath found at Harappan sites was used mostly for

- A) daily ablutions B) ceremonial purposes C) storage of water D) All of these
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 38

Which of these metals/ alloys wasn't known to the Indus Valley people?

- A) Iron B) Gold C) Bronze D) Copper
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 39

The latest Harappan site to be discovered in India is

- A) Rakhigarhi B) Banawali C) Dholavira D) Kalibangan
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 40

Apart from Khetri (Rajasthan), copper was obtained by the Indus Valley people from

- A) West Asia B) Oman C) Afghanistan D) Iraq
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 41

The Indus Valley people had possible trade links with

- A) Thailand B) Bahrain C) China D) Saudi Arabia
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 42

Most Harappan sites are found to have been abandoned by

- A) 1800 BC B) 800 BC C) 1200 BC D) 2800 BC
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DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 43

The correct chronological order is represented in which of the following options?

- A) Paleolithic, Chalcolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic B) Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic
C) Chalcolithic, Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic D) Neolithic, Paleolithic, Chalcolithic, Mesolithic

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 44

The Great Granary of the Harappan times has been found in

- A) Mohanjodaro B) Harappa C) Chanhudaro D) Lothal

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 45

Area-wise, which of the following is the biggest Indus Valley site?

- A) Kot Diji B) Rakhigarhi C) Mohanjodaro D) Harappa

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 46

Match the following in the context of Indus Valley excavations and select the best option.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Great Granary | P. Lothal |
| 2. Great Bath | Q. Chanhudaro |
| 3. Dockyard | R. Harappa |
| 4. Ploughed field | S. Mohanjodaro |

- A) 1-R, 2-P, 3-Q, 4-S B) 1-R, 2-S, 3-P, 4-Q C) 1-S, 2-R, 3-P, 4-Q D) 1-R, 2-Q, 3-P, 4-S

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 47

A ploughed field related to the Early Harappans has been found in

- A) Kalibanagan B) Surkotda C) Dholavira D) Banawali

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 48

The urban features of Indus Valley settlements included

- A) a good drainage system B) well-planned roads C) use of sun-dried bricks D) All of these

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 49

The Harappans knew about the use of

- A) Iron B) Sugar C) Gold D) Cotton

DIRECTIONS for the question: Mark the best option:

Question No. : 50

The Ganeshwar-Jodhpur culture is well-known for its

A) Non-Harappan pottery B) Harappan pottery C) Copper objects D) Both A and C

QNo:- 1 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 2 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 3 ,Correct Answer:- B

Explanation:-

QNo:- 4 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 5 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 6 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 7 ,Correct Answer:- D

Explanation:-

QNo:- 8 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 9 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 10 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 11 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 12 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 13 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 14 ,Correct Answer:- D

Explanation:-

QNo:- 15 ,Correct Answer:- B

Explanation:-

QNo:- 16 ,Correct Answer:- D

Explanation:-

QNo:- 17 ,Correct Answer:- B

Explanation:-

QNo:- 18 ,Correct Answer:- C

Explanation:-

QNo:- 19 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 20 ,Correct Answer:- B

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QNo:- 21 ,Correct Answer:- A

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QNo:- 22 ,Correct Answer:- D

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QNo:- 23 ,Correct Answer:- C

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QNo:- 24 ,Correct Answer:- C

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QNo:- 25 ,Correct Answer:- C

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QNo:- 26 ,Correct Answer:- A

Explanation:-

QNo:- 27 ,Correct Answer:- B

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QNo:- 28 ,Correct Answer:- B

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QNo:- 29 ,Correct Answer:- A

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QNo:- 50 ,Correct Answer:- D

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