

Sample questions for M.A. Entrance (2022)

Subject: History

1. The 6th Century BCE chronology is NOT associated with one of the following:

- [A] Urbanization in the Ganges Plain
- [B] The Rise of Magadha
- [C] Gautama Buddha
- [D] Accession of Ajatashatru

Answer (D)

2. The Harappan seals depict and also throw light on:

- [A] Tigers and Rhinoceroses
- [B] Trade with Mesopotamia
- [C] Horse
- [D] System of stamping goods

Answer (A)

3. In whose reign the Hunas attacked north India?

- [A] Kanishka, Kushana King
- [B] Chandra Gupta I
- [C] Skandagupta
- [D] Harshavardhana

Answer (C)

4. What following event did NOT take place in Indian history between 1075-1200 CE?

- [A] Establishment of the Gangakingdom
- [B] Embassy of Chola merchant to China
- [C] Kalhana writes the Rajatarangini
- [D] Sun temple at Konarak

Answer (A)

5. During the 8th and 13th Centuries CE, the following kingdoms fought for political sway on India.

- [A] Rashtrakutas
- [B] Turvasa and the Bharatas
- [C] Gurjara-Pratiharas
- [D] Solanki and Paramaras or Pawars

Answer (C)

6. Vajjians, Videhas and Sakyas during the 5th and 6th centuries BCE are examples of

- [A] Chiefdoms
- [B] Kingdoms
- [C] Republics
- [D] Empires

Answer (A)

7. The arrival of Arabs in Sindh happened in the following century:

- [A] 6th Century CE
- [B] 7th Century CE
- [C] 9th Century CE
- [D] 10th Century CE

Answer (B)

8. The Boghazkoi inscription was discovered in ___?

- [A] India
- [B] Iran
- [C] Syria
- [D] Turkey

Answer (D)

9. Which ruler is credited for the spread of Jainism in Karnataka?

- [A] Chandragupta Maurya
- [B] Bimbisara
- [C] Ashoka
- [D] Samparati

Answer (A)

10. Who was the author of Aihole Inscription ?

- [A] Ravikirti
- [B] Hiuen Tsang
- [C] Bharavi
- [D] Dandin

Answer (A)

11. At which of the following sites, all the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic sites have been found in sequence?

- [A] Sarai Nahar Rai
- [B] Kurnool Valley
- [C] Belan Valley
- [D] Ahar

Answer (C)

12. Who composed Prayag-Prashasti inscription during the Gupta period?

- [A] Harisena
- [B] Veerasena
- [C] Amarkhaddava
- [D] Aswaghosa

Answer (A)

13. Who was the first Indo-Greek king, who became Buddhist?

- [A] Antiochus II
- [B] Apollodotus I
- [C] Apollodotus II
- [D] Menander II

Answer (D).

14. Which among the following is NOT a Vedanga?

- [A] Kalpa
- [B] Sankya
- [C] Nirkuta
- [D] Chhanda

Answer (B)

15. Which among the following is the theme of “KatyayanaSrauta sutra”?

- [A] Cooking in vediceras
- [B] Geometry
- [C] Rules of vedic sacrifices
- [D] Astrology

Answer (C)

16. RigvedaSamhita denotes one-fourth of its hymns to:

- [A] Rudra
- [B] Marut
- [C] Agni
- [D] Indra

Answer (D)

17. There is only one Rock Edict in which Asoka talks about taxation. Which among the following is that edict?

- [A] BhabruInscription
- [B] Nigalisagar Pillar Inscription
- [C] Rummindei Pillar Inscription
- [D] Barabar Cave Inscription

Answer (C)

18. At which of the following places Apsad inscription has been found which gives account of later Guptas?

- [A] Bhagalpur
- [B] Gaya
- [C] Bhubneshwar
- [D] Alwar

Answer (B)

19. Pravarasena-I is said to have performed all the seven sacrifices, viz. Agnistoma, Aptoryama, Vajapeya, Jyotishtoma, Brihaspatisava, Sadyaska and Ashvamedha. From which of the following dynasties, Pravarasena-I belonged to?

- [A] Abhira
- [B] Kalachuri
- [C] Vaktaka
- [D] Maitraka

Answer (C)

20. What was the name of the silver coins issued by Guptas?

- [A] Karshapana
- [B] Rupaka
- [C] Dinara
- [D] Pana

Answer (B)

21. Which among the following emperors introduced the two laws of VyavaharSamta and DandaSamata?

- [A] Chandragupta Maurya
- [B] Asoka
- [C] Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- [D] Samudragupta

Answer (B)

22. Which among the following is correct about Bhaddasala?

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Answer (B)

24. Consider the following statements about the "Prajapatya Vivaha" mentioned in ancient Indian texts:

1. In this type of marriage, the rights of boy and girl were equally secured
2. The groom approached the bride's father, who agreed to marriage after fixing a price
3. The price for this marriage was usually a pair of cows

Which among the above statements is/ are correct?

- [A] Only 1
- [B] Only 1 & 2
- [C] Only 2 & 3
- [D] Only 3

Answer (A)

25. This script, which made Sanskrit works known in China and Japan was developed during the times of ____:

- [A] Kanishka
- [B] Harsha
- [C] Meander
- [D] Chandragupta Vikramaditya

Answer (B)

26. Which among the following animals was / were surely domesticated by Indus Valley People?

1. Humped Zebu Cattle
2. Sheep
3. Goats
4. Dogs
5. Horses

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- [A] 1, 2, 3 & 5
- [B] 1, 3 & 5
- [C] 1, 2, 3 & 4
- [D] 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Answer (C)

27. Consider the following matches regarding propounders of various philosophies:

1. Adi Shankaracharya – Advaita philosophy
2. Sri Ramanujacharya – Visishtadvaita philosophy
3. Madhvacharya – Dvaita philosophy

Which of the above is/are correct?

- [A] 1 & 2 Only
- [B] 3 Only
- [C] 2 & 3 Only
- [D] 1, 2 & 3

Answer (D)

28. During the company rule, the Hindu Widows Remarriage Act was drafted by__ ?

- [A] Lord Canning
- [B] Lord Dalhousie
- [C] Lord Hardinge
- [D] None of the above

Answer (B)

29. The Namgyal Monarchy used to rule which among the following current states of India, once upon a time?

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Meghalaya
- [C] Nagaland
- [D] Sikkim

Answer (D)

30. Who wrote the book neeldarpan?

- [A] Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- [B] Rabindra Nath Tagore
- [C] Dinbandhu Mitra
- [D] None of the above

Answer (C)

31. Which among the following universities were not set up under Sadler Commission of 1917?

1. Patna University
2. Osmania University
3. Aligarh Muslim University

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- [A] 1 only
- [B] 2 only
- [C] 1 & 2 only
- [D] 1, 2, 3

Answer (D)

32. In which of the following states of India, the earliest settlements of Jews are found

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil nadu
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Haryana

Answer (A)

33. Who among the following introduced the modern concept of rule in India?

- [A] Mughal
- [B] British
- [C] Portuguese
- [D] French

Answer (B)

34. Who among the following was the editor of Bengal Gazette or the Calcutta General Advertiser, which was the first English language newspaper, and first printed newspaper, to be published in the Indian sub-continent?

- [A] Daniel Defoe
- [B] Oliver Goldsmith
- [C] James Augustus Hickey
- [D] David Hume

Answer (C)

35. Oldest trade union federations in India, All India Trade Union Congress was established in which of the following year?

- [A] 1917
- [B] 1920
- [C] 1922
- [D] 1924

Answer (B)

36. Consider the following:

1. Botanical Survey of India
2. Zoological Survey of India
3. Archeological Survey of India
4. Anthropological Survey of India

Which among the following represents the correct chronological arrangement of their establishments ?

- [A] 1 3 2 4
- [B] 3 1 2 4
- [C] 1 2 3 4
- [D] 3 1 4 2

Answer (B)

37. Who among the following founded a National Press, National Paper, National Society, National School, National Theatre, National Store, National Gymnasium and National Circus making the term "National" popular in British India?

- [A] DevendraNathTagore
- [B] JyotindraNath Tagore

- [C] NabagopalMitra
- [D] RajnarayanBasu

Answer (C)

38..Who founded the Ramakrishna Mission in 1896 to carry on humanitarian relief and social work?

- [A] Ramakrishna Paramahansa
- [B] Swami DayanandaSaraswati
- [C] Swami Vivekananda
- [D] Blavatsky and Olcott

Answer (C)

39.Who among the following British officers of Delhi killed during the Revolt of 1857?

- [A] Colonel Ripley
- [B] Gen. Hugh Rose
- [C] Major William Taylor
- [D] Colin Champbell

Answer (A)

40.Who among the following British Governor-Generals established the Madras Presidency?

- [A] Lord Auckland
- [B] Lord Wellesley
- [C] Lord Amherst
- [D] Lord Cornwallis

Answer (B)

41.The Lahore Conspiracy Case (1928-31) was registered against whom?

- [A] V.D. Savarkar
- [B] AurbindoGhosh
- [C] Ram Prasad Bismil
- [D] Bhagat Singh

Answer (D)

42.Who published the first exclusively Hindi language newspaper “UdantMartand”?

- [A] Jugal Kishore Shukla
- [B] LalaJagat Narayan
- [C] Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- [D] FardunjeeMarzban

Answer (A)

43.What changes were made by the “Act for the Good Government of India”?

1. The designation of Governor General of India was changed to Viceroy of India
2. Established the new office of Secretary of State for India
3. Made substantial changes into the Board of Control and Court of Directors

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- [A] Only 1 & 2
- [B] Only 2 & 3
- [C] Only 1 & 3
- [D] 1, 2 & 3

Answer (A)

44. The Quit India Movement was supported by:

1. Hindu Mahasabha
2. Communist Party of India
3. Princely states

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- [A] Only 1 & 2
- [B] Only 2 & 3
- [C] Only 1 & 3
- [D] None of them

Answer (D)

45. Jiyatarang movement is associated with which state of India?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Manipur
- [D] Gujarat

Answer (C)

46. Via which of the following acts, Burma got separated from India?

- [A] Indian Councils Act, 1961
- [B] Government of India Act, 1909
- [C] Government of India Act, 1919
- [D] Government of India Act, 1935

Answer (D)

47. Which among the following grants was/ were provided to BalajiBiswanath by the Mughal emperor Mohammad Shah?

1. Right to practice Chauth
2. Right to practice Sardesmukhi
3. The right of Swaraj

Choose the correct option from the codes given below :

- [A] 1 only
- [B] 1 & 2
- [C] 2 & 3
- [D] 1, 2 & 3

Answer (D)

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Lahore Resolution of Muslim League asked for a partition of India
2. The word Pakistan was used for the first time in Lahore Resolution

Which among the above statements is/ are correct?

- [A] Only 1 is correct
- [B] Only 2 is correct
- [C] Both 1 & 2 are correct
- [D] Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

Answer (D)

49. The principle of dyarchy introduced by British in India refers to which of the following?

- [A] Rule by two
- [B] Separation legislature and executive
- [C] Division of subjects transferred to provinces into two categories
- [D] Two parallel governments

Answer (C)

50. French East India Company was established in which year?

- [A] 1600
- [B] 1650
- [C] 1664
- [D] 1674

Answer (C)

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