

Syllabus for P. G. Entrance in History 2025

Note: The syllabus prescribed for the Entrance Test has been divided into fifteen units. Each unit carries a weightage of four marks. Paper setters are required to set four multiple choice type questions with only one correct or most appropriate answer separately for each unit, giving uniform representation to the whole syllabus contained therein.

Unit I

- A. Sources: Archaeological and Literary
- B. Pre and Proto Historic Cultures—Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic: Features
- C. Indus Valley Civilization: Material Features and Decline
- D. Vedic Ages: Polity, Economy and Culture.

Unit II

- A. India Between 600-300 BCE: 2nd Urbanization--Causes and Features
- B. Rise of Magadha
- C. Non-Conformist Movements: Buddhism and Jainism
- D. Mauryan Empire: Polity, Economy, Society, Ashoka's Dhamma and Decline

Unit III

- A. India Between 200 BCE and 300 CE- Indo-Greeks and Kushanas: Impact
- B. Sangam Age: Society and Culture
- C. Guptas: Polity, Economy, Land Grants and Decline

Unit IV

- A. Harshavardhana: Administration, State of Buddhism
- B. Early Medieval Polities: Pallavas, Cholas and Rashtrakutas-Polity and Administration

Unit V

- A. Foundation and Expansion of Delhi Sultanate
- B. Administration under Sultans: Central and Provincial
- C. Decline of Sultanate
- D. Vijayanagara Empire: Nature of State
- E. Bahmani Kingdom: Administration and Nobility

Unit VI

- A. Foundation and Expansion of Mughal Empire
- B. Administration: Central and Provincial
- C. Decline of Mughal Empire
- D. Rise of Marathas: Role of Shivaji

Unit VII

- A. Agrarian Economy under the Sultans
- B. Vijayanagara Economy
- C. Agrarian Structure under Mughals
- D. Urbanization in Medieval India
- E. Trade in Medieval India: Inland and Maritime

Unit VIII

- A. Bakhti Movement: Main Teachings
- B. Sufi Movement in India: Major orders
- C. Rise of Sikhism
- D. Architecture and Painting in Medieval India
- E. Women in Mughal India

Unit IX

- . Foundation of British Rule in India: Battle of Plessey and Battle of Buxar
- A. Expansion and consolidation of British Empire: Subsidiary Alliance; Doctrine of Lapse; Orientalism and Utilitarianism
- B. Revolt of 1857: Causes, Nature, Significance
- C. Foundation of Indian National Congress: Role of Moderates and Extremists
- D. Muslim League: Foundation and Role
- E. World War-I and Indian Nationalism
- F. Gandhian Era: Non-cooperation and Civil disobedience movement

Unit X

- . Major Constitutional Developments: Acts of 1909, 1919, 1935- Salient features
- A. Second World War and Indian Politics: Cripps Mission and Quit India Movement
- B. Cabinet Mission and Mountbatten Plan
- C. Indian National Movement and Princely States
- D. Freedom and Partition: Debate

Unit XI

- . Colonial Economy : Drain of Wealth, De-industrialization, Commercialization of Agriculture
- A. Land Revenue Settlements- Permanent, Ryotwari and Mahalwari
- B. Tribal Economy and Society
- C. Socio-religious Reform Movements- Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj and Aligarh Movement
- D. Growth of Modern Education: Macaulay's Minute and Wood's Dispatch

Unit XII

- . Rise and Growth of Communalism
- A. Indian National Movement and the Capitalist class
- B. Depressed classes, Women and the Indian National Movement
- C. Peasants, working classes and Indian National movement

Unit XIII

- A. Prehistoric Kashmir—Palaeolithic and Neolithic Cultures: Features
- B. Kashmir's contacts with the neighbouring world (Indo-Greeks and Kushanas).
- C. Karkotas and Utpalas: Polity and Economy
- D. Loharas: Political unrest

Unit XIV

- A. Foundation and Consolidation of Sultanate: Contribution of Zain-ul-Abidin
- B. Emergence of Islam: Role of Sufis and Rishis
- C. Foundation of Mughal Rule in Kashmir and Its Impact
- D. Afghan Rule in Kashmir-An Appraisal

E. Sikh Rule: An Assessment.

Unit XV

- . Foundation and Nature of Dogra State
- A. Establishment of British Residency**
- B. Land Reforms [Lawrence Settlement], Health and Education**
- C. Emergence of Political Awakening in Kashmir**
- D. Muslim Conference: Foundation, Role and Conversion**
- E. Naya Kashmir Manifesto**
- F. Ideological Scenerio on eve of Partition**