

2025

(CBCS)

(4th Semester)

HISTORY

FOURTH PAPER

(History of the Mughals)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. Who wrote *Akbarnama*?

(a) Akbar ()

(b) Abul Fazl ()

(c) Faizi ()

(d) Humayun ()

2. According to Smriti texts, to punish the wicked and cherish the good was the duty of the

(a) Brahmanas ()

(b) Kshatriyas ()

(c) Vaishyas ()

(d) higher classes ()

3. The Mughal architecture was a happy blending of the

(a) Turkish and Afghan styles ()

(b) Turkish and Persian styles ()

(c) Persian and Indian styles ()

(d) Turkish and Hindu styles ()

4. What was the Khalisa?

(a) Crown lands ()

(b) Jagir lands ()

(c) Land under peasant ownership ()

(d) Land granted for religious purposes ()

5. Which traveller wrote in the middle of the 17th century that Delhi was not less than Paris?

(a) Ralph Fitch ()

(b) Bernier ()

(c) Monserrate ()

(d) Tavernier ()

6. The most prominent of the various industries that flourished during the Mughal period was that of

(a) glass ()

(b) leather ()

(c) cotton textiles ()

(d) shipbuilding ()

7. The name of the new religion promulgated by Akbar was

(a) Allahu Akbar ()

(b) Sulh-i Kul ()

(c) Ibadat Khana ()

(d) Din-i-Ilahi ()

8. Name the Sikh Guru who was executed by Aurangzeb.

(a) Guru Tegh Bahadur ()

(b) Guru Hargobind ()

(c) Guru Gobind Singh ()

(d) Guru Arjan ()

9. The celebrated Koh-i-Noor diamond and the famous Peacock Throne were carried away to Persia in 1739 by

(a) Nadir Shah ()

(b) Ahmad Shah Abdali ()

(c) Timur Shah ()

(d) Islam Shah ()

10. Who was the founder of the autonomous kingdom of Awadh or Oudh?

(a) Safdar Jang ()

(b) Saadat Khan ()

(c) Asaf-ud-Daula ()

(d) Shuja-ud-Daula ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Why is Sher Shah regarded as the forerunner of Akbar?

OR

2. What was the Purdah system?

UNIT—II

3. Write a short description on the Taj Mahal.

OR

4. Highlight the main features of the Mughal administration with references to Subah and Sarkar.

UNIT—III

5. Write what you know about Sati during the Mughal period.

OR

6. Who were the Irani and Turani nobles?

UNIT—IV

7. Write a note on the Treaty of Purandar.

OR

8. What is the difference between Shia Muslim and Sunni Muslim?

UNIT—V

9. Give reasons why the new regional States of Bengal, Awadh and Hyderabad were called 'Successor States'.

OR

10. Explain briefly on the invasions of Ahmad Shah Abdali.

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Mention the available literary sources for the reconstruction of the history of the Mughals in India.

OR

2. Write an essay on the pre-Mughal society as reflected in caste, social manners and customs.

UNIT—II

3. What are the main features of the Mansabdari system of the Mughals?

OR

4. Write an essay on the architecture and painting which developed during the Mughal period.

UNIT—III

5. Describe the main features of the land revenue administration in the Mughal Empire.

OR

6. Attempt an overview of the status of women during the Mughal period.

UNIT—IV

7. Discuss Akbar's relations with the Rajputs. How far was it responsible for the consolidation and expansion of the Mughal Empire?

OR

8. How far do you think was the Deccan Policy of Aurangzeb responsible for his downfall? Explain.

UNIT—V

9. Write an essay on the emergence of Bengal as an independent regional State.

OR

10. Give an account of the rise of regional States in the eighteenth century.
