

HCS (MAIN) EXAM 2011

Indian History

Mock Test paper-2

Time : 3 Hours

M. Marks : 150

Note : Attempt Five questions in all. All questions carry equal marks. Questions No.1 is compulsory. Answer two questions from Part-I and two questions from Part-II. The parts of the same questions must be answered together and not be interpassed between answers to other questions.

1. Write notes on any four of the following:

(4×7.5=30)

- (a) The Vedanta of Sankaracharya
- (b) Give a critical assessment of the contributions of Amir Khusarau and Barani to Indo – Persian Literature
- (b) The Bahamani Kingdom
- (c) Mansabdari System
- (d) Though the Permanent Settlement had serious defects , it gave tranquility to the countryside and stability to the government”.
- (f) “The verdict at Plassey was confirmed by the English victory at Buxar”.

Part-I

2. Give a brief account of the social and economic conditions of the Later Vedic Aryans.

What role did iron play in changing their political and economic life ?

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3. How did Indian culture spread in the South-east Asiatic countries during the Gupta Age ? **30**

4. Akbar built the Mughal Empire by enlisting the support of the Rajputs; Aurangzeb destroyed it by alienating the Rajputs.” Discuss critically**30**

Part-II

5 Examine the nature of the Revolt of 1857 and indicate the manifold changes in British civil and military administration of India after 1857..

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6. Trace the origin and growth of the Indian Muslim League..

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7. Gandhi restrained mass-movements yet he retained his popularity among the masses. How do you explain this paradox?

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