



NAMBOL L. SANOI COLLEGE, NAMBOL

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTION BANK (2016-2021)

SEMESTER- III

PAPER- III/HIS 303

HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA (1600 - 1857)

UNIT-1: European Commercial Interest

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (3 marks)

1. Point out the main causes of the failure of the Portuguese in India. (2016)
2. Give three main reasons for the failure of the French in India. (2017)
3. Who was Alfonso de Albuquerque? (2019)
4. How was the Presidency of Bombay possessed by the English East India Company? (2020)

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Discuss briefly the fundamental causes of the rivalry between the English and the French in India. (2016)
2. Write the historical significance of the Portuguese in India. (2017)
3. Why did the French fail to establish trading domination in India? (2019)
4. State the historical significance of the Dutch in India. (2020)

ESSAY TYPE QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Trace a brief history of the Dutch in India. Why the position of the Dutch in India was insignificant? (2016)
Or
Critically examine the reasons for the success of the British against the French.
2. Describe the development of European trade from 15th to 18th century in India. (2017)
Or
Trace the growth and internal organization of British East India Company to establish an empire in India.
3. Describe briefly the growth of British East India Company from 1600 AD to the middle of the 18th century AD.
Or
Give a brief account of the rise and fall of the Dutch in India.

UNIT-2: British Annexation and Consolidation

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (3 marks)

1. State the historical importance of the Battle of Buxar. (2016)
2. Write the names of any three chiefs of Maratha confederacy. (2017)
3. What is the Black Hole tragedy? (2019)
4. Write a short note on the Treaty of Salbai, 1782. (2020)
5. State the effects of the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War, 1799. (2020)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Write the consequences of the grant of Diwani to the British by Shah Alam II. (2016)
2. State the terms of the Treaty of Amritsar, 1809. (2017, 2019)
3. Write the main provisions of the Treaty of Bassein, 1809. (2018)
4. Write a short note on the First Anglo-Sikh war, 1845-46. (2020)

ESSAY TYPE QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Describe the achievement and failure of Dupleix to the establishment of French power in India. (2016)
Or
Explain the term Maratha Confederacy. Discuss the causes of its break up.
2. “*The Battle of Buxar, 1764 was more decisive than the Battle of Plassey, 1757 in the establishment of British rule in India.*” Explain. (2017)
Or
Write the causes of the Third Carnatic War. How far the war affected the political fortunes of French in India.
3. Examine critically the causes and consequences of the Second Carnatic War, 1749-54. (2019)
Or
Trace the early career and achievements of Shivaji.
4. Make a critical evaluation on the causes and consequences of the Third Carnatic War, 1758-63. (2020)
Or
Critically examine the importance of the Second Governorship of Robert Clive.

UNIT-3: British Expansionist Policies

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (3 marks)

1. Mention only three measures adopted by Lord Dalhousie to expand British territories in India. (2016)
2. Write in short the results of the Second Anglo-Burmese War, 1852. (2017)
3. What do you mean by the Doctrine of Lapse? (2019)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Write the main provision of the Subsidiary Alliance. (2016, 2019)
2. Point out the disadvantages of the system of Subsidiary Alliances of the British to the Indian states. (2020)

ESSAY TYPE QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Discuss briefly the advantages of the Subsidiary Alliance to the East India Company. (2016, 2019)
Or
Describe the reforms introduced by Lord Dalhousie. (2016, 2020)
2. Discuss to what extent the Doctrine of Lapse responsible for the expansion of British power in India. (2017)
Or
Describe the estimate of Lord Wellesley (1798-1805) as the Governor General of India.
3. Discuss the achievements of Lord Dalhousie as an imperialist. (2019)
4. Describe briefly the significance of Wellesley's Subsidiary Alliance. (2020)

UNIT-4: Structure and Administrative Organisation of the Company

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (3 marks)

1. State the importance of the Charter Act of 1883. (2016)
2. What are the main problems faced by the Indians to attend the ICS Examination. (2017)
3. Write a short note on the army organization of British in India. (2019)
4. What was the Cornwallis Code of 1793? (2020)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Write the importance of Judicial Reforms introduced by Lord Cornwallis. (2016)
2. Point out the historical significance of the Charter Act of 1853. (2017)
3. Write a short note on the Civil Services organization in British India. (2019)
4. State briefly the main provisions of the Regulating Act of 1773. (2020)

ESSAY TYPE QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Analyse the reasons for passing the Regulating Act, 1773. Write the main provisions of the Act. (2016)
Or
Describe the administrative organization of Army and Police system of India under the East India Company.
2. Analyse the reasons for passing the Pitt's India Act, 1784. Write the main provisions of the Act. (2017)
Or
Describe the judicial reforms made by Lord Cornwallis.
3. Analyse the reasons for passing the Regulating Act, 1772. Write the main provisions of the Act. (2019)
Or
What were the reforms of Lord Cornwallis in judicial administration?
4. State the constitutional significance of the Charter Act of 1853. (2020)
Or
Discuss the main features of the army and police organization of India under the English East India Company.

UNIT-5: Revolt of 1857

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (3 marks)

1. Write the immediate cause of the outbreak of the Revolution of 1857. (2016)
2. Point out three main causes for the failure of the Revolt of 1857. (2017)
3. State the names of three important leaders of the Great Revolt of 1857. (2019)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Discuss briefly the role of Tantia Tope in the Great Revolt of 1857. (2016)
2. Point out three main causes for the failure of the Revolt of 1857. (2017)
3. Describe briefly the role of Mangal Pandey in the Revolt of 1857. (2019)
4. Who was Kunwar Singh? State his role in the Great Revolt of 1857. (2020)
5. Write a short note on Nana Saheb. (2020)

ESSAY TYPE QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Discuss the nature of the Revolt of 1857. Why is it called a sepoy mutiny? (2016)

Or

State the changes that took place in India after the Revolt of 1857.

2. Analyse the factors responsible for the outbreak of the Mutiny of 1857. (2017)

Or

Describe the main events of the Revolt of 1857.

3. Describe the causes and nature of the Rising of 1857. (2019)

Or

What were the consequences of the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857?

4. Write a brief account of the causes of the Revolt of 1857. (2020)

Or

Examine the factors responsible for the failure of the Great Revolt of 1857.