

HISTORY

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24

DECEMBER, 2022



TEST TIMINGS:

9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON



PROGRAMME FEE:

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Total 12 Tests:

- 8 Sectional
- 4 Mock Tests



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after each test



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TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO & DATE	SECTION & TOPICS
◉ Approach to History Optional	
ANCIENT INDIA	
TEST-1 24 DECEMBER, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Sources ◉ Archaeological Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ Exploration, excavation, epigraphy, numismatics, monuments. ▢ Literary sources: Indigenous: Primary and secondary; poetry, scientific literature, literature, literature in regional languages, religious literature. ▢ Foreign account: Greek, Chinese & Arab writers. ◉ Pre-history and Proto-history: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ Geographical factors; hunting and gathering (paleolithic and mesolithic); Beginning of agriculture (neolithic and chalcolithic). ◉ Indus Valley Civilization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ Origin, date, extent, characteristics-decline, survival and significance, art and architecture. ◉ Megalithic Cultures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ Distribution of pastoral and farming cultures outside the Indus, Development of community life, Settlements, Development of agriculture, Crafts, Pottery, and Iron industry.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◉ Aryans and Vedic Period:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▢ Expansions of Aryans in India :▢ Vedic Period: Religious and philosophic literature; Transformation from Rig Vedic period to the later Vedic period; Political, social and economical life; Significance of the Vedic Age; Evolution of Monarchy and Varna system.◉ Period of Mahajanapadas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▢ Formation of States (Mahajanapada): Republics and monarchies; Rise of urban centres; Trade routes; Economic growth; Introduction of coinage; Spread of Jainism and Buddhism; Rise of Magadha and Nandas.▢ Iranian & Mecedonian invasions and their impact.
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31 DECEMBER, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◉ Mauryan Empire :<ul style="list-style-type: none">▢ Foundation of the Mauryan Empire, Chandragupta, Kautilya and Arthashastra; Ashoka; Concept of Dharma; Edicts; Polity, Administration, Economy; Art, architecture and sculpture; External contacts; Religion; Spread of religion; Literature.▢ Disintegration of the empire; Sungas and Kanvas.◉ Post-Mauryan Period (Indo-Greeks, Sakas, Kushanas, Western Kshatrapas) :<ul style="list-style-type: none">▢ Contact with outside world; growth of urban centres, economy, coinage, development of religions, Mahayana, social conditions, art, architecture, culture, literature and science.◉ Early State and Society in Eastern India, Deccan and South India:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▢ Kharavela, The Satavahanas, Tamil States of the Sangam Age; Administration, Economy, land grants, coinage, trade guilds and urban centres; Buddhist centres; Sangam literature and culture; Art and architecture.

- ◉ **Guptas, Vakatakas and Vardhanas:**

- ▣ Polity and administration, Economic conditions, Coinage of the Guptas, Land grants, Decline of urban centres, Indian feudalism, Caste system, Position of women, Education and educational institutions; Nalanda, Vikramshila and Vallabhi, Literature, scientific literature, art and architecture.

- ◉ **Regional States during Gupta Era:**

- ▣ The Kadambas, Pallavas, Chalukyas of Badami; Polity and Administration, Trade guilds, Literature; growth of Vaishnava and Saiva religions. Tamil Bhakti movement, Shankaracharya;
- ▣ Vedanta; Institutions of temple and temple architecture; Palas, Senas, Rashtrakutas, Paramaras, Polity and administration; Cultural aspects. Arab conquest of Sind; Alberuni, The Chalukyas of Kalyana, Cholas, Hoysalas, Pandyas; Polity and Administration; Local Government; Growth of art and architecture, religious sects, Institution of temple and Mathas, Agraharas, education and literature, economy and society.

- ◉ **Themes in Early Indian Cultural History:**

- ▣ Languages and texts, major stages in the evolution of art and architecture, major philosophical thinkers and schools, ideas in Science and Mathematics.

MEDIEVAL INDIA

TEST-3

08 JANUARY,
2023

- ◉ **Early Medieval India, 750-1200:**

- ▣ **Polity:** Major political developments in Northern India and the peninsula, origin and the rise of Rajputs.
- ▣ **The Cholas:** administration, village economy and society "Indian Feudalism".
- ▣ Agrarian economy and urban settlements.
- ▣ Trade and commerce.
- ▣ Society: the status of the Brahman and the new social order.

- ▣ Condition of women.
- ▣ Indian science and technology.

◉ **Cultural Traditions in India, 750-1200:**

- ▣ Philosophy: Skankaracharya and Vedanta, Ramanuja and Vishishtadvaita, Madhva and Brahma-Mimansa.
- ▣ Religion: Forms and features of religion, Tamil devotional cult, growth of Bhakti, Islam and its arrival in India, Sufism.
- ▣ Literature: Literature in Sanskrit, growth of Tamil literature, literature in the newly developing languages, Kalhan's Rajtarangini, Alberuni's India.
- ▣ Art and Architecture: Temple architecture, sculpture, painting.

◉ **The Thirteenth Century:**

- ▣ Establishment of the Delhi Sultanate: The Ghurian invasions - factors behind Ghurian success.
- ▣ Economic, Social and cultural consequences.
- ▣ Foundation of Delhi Sultanate and early Turkish Sultans.
- ▣ Consolidation: The rule of Iltutmish and Balban.

◉ **The Fourteenth Century:**

- ▣ "The Khalji Revolution".
- ▣ Alauddin Khalji: Conquests and territorial expansion, agrarian and economic measure.
- ▣ Muhammad Tughluq: Major projects, agrarian measures, bureaucracy of Muhammad Tughluq.
- ▣ Firuz Tughluq: Agrarian measures, achievements in civil engineering and public works, decline of the Sultanate, foreign contacts and Ibn Battuta's account.

◉ **Society, Culture and Economy in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries:**

- ▣ **Society:** composition of rural society, ruling classes, town dwellers, women, religious classes, caste and slavery under the Sultanate, Bhakti movement, Sufi movement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Culture: Persian literature, literature in the regional languages of North India, literature in the languages of South India, Sultanate architecture and new structural forms, painting, evolution of a composite culture. ▣ Economy: Agricultural Production, rise of urban economy and non-agricultural production, trade and commerce. ◉ The Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Century-Political Developments and Economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Rise of Provincial Dynasties : Bengal, Kashmir (Zainul Abedin), Gujarat. ▣ Malwa, Bahmanids. ▣ The Vijayanagara Empire. ▣ Lodis. ▣ Mughal Empire, first phase : Babur, Humayun. ▣ The Sur Empire : Sher Shah's administration. ▣ Portuguese colonial enterprise, Bhakti and Sufi Movements. ◉ The Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Century-Society and culture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Regional cultures specificities. ▣ Literary traditions. ▣ Provincial architectural. ▣ Society, culture, literature and the arts in Vijayanagara Empire.
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 JANUARY, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Akbar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Conquests and consolidation of empire. ▣ Establishment of jagir and mansab systems. ▣ Rajput policy. ▣ Evolution of religious and social outlook. Theory of Sulh-i-kul and religious policy. ▣ Court patronage of art and technology.

- ◉ **Mughal Empire in the Seventeenth Century:**

- ▣ Major administrative policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb.
- ▣ The Empire and the Zamindars.
- ▣ Religious policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb.
- ▣ Nature of the Mughal State.
- ▣ Late Seventeenth Century crisis and the revolts.
- ▣ The Ahom kingdom.
- ▣ Shivaji and the early Maratha Kingdom.

- ◉ **Economy and society, in the 16th and 17th Centuries:**

- ▣ Population Agricultural and craft production.
- ▣ Towns, commerce with Europe through Dutch, English and French companies : a trade revolution.
- ▣ Indian mercantile classes. Banking, insurance and credit systems.
- ▣ Conditions of peasants, Condition of Women.
- ▣ Evolution of the Sikh community and the Khalsa Panth.

- ◉ **Culture during Mughal Empire:**

- ▣ Persian histories and other literature.
- ▣ Hindi and religious literatures.
- ▣ Mughal architecture.
- ▣ Mughal painting.
- ▣ Provincial architecture and painting.
- ▣ Classical music.
- ▣ Science and technology.

- ◉ **The Eighteenth Century:**

- ▣ Factors for the decline of the Mughal Empire.
- ▣ The regional principalities: Nizam's Deccan, Bengal, Awadh.

- ▣ Maratha ascendancy under the Peshwas.
- ▣ The Maratha fiscal and financial system.
- ▣ Emergence of Afghan power Battle of Panipat, 1761.
- ▣ State of, political, cultural and economic, on eve of the British conquest.

MODERN INDIA

TEST-5

18 JANUARY,
2023

◉ European Penetration into India:

- ▣ The Early European Settlements; The Portuguese and the Dutch; The English and the French East India Companies; Their struggle for supremacy; Carnatic Wars; Bengal-The conflict
- ▣ between the English and the Nawabs of Bengal; Siraj and the English; The Battle of Plassey; Significance of Plassey.

◉ British Expansion in India:

- ▣ Bengal-Mir Jafar and Mir Kasim; The Battle of Buxar; Mysore; The Marathas; The three Anglo-Maratha Wars; The Punjab.

◉ Early Structure of the British Raj:

- ▣ The Early administrative structure; From diarchy to direct control; The Regulating Act (1773); The Pitt's India Act (1784); The Charter Act (1833); The Voice of free trade and the changing character of British colonial rule; The English utilitarian and India.

◉ Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule:

- ▣ Land revenue settlements in British India; The Permanent Settlement; Ryotwari Settlement; Mahalwari Settlement; Economic impact of the revenue arrangements; Commercialization of agriculture; Rise of landless agrarian labourers; Impoverishment of the rural society.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Dislocation of traditional trade and commerce; De-industrialisation; Decline of traditional crafts; Drain of wealth; Economic transformation of India; Railroad and communication network including telegraph and postal services; Famine and poverty in the rural interior; European business enterprise and its limitations. ◉ Social and Cultural Developments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ The state of indigenous education, its dislocation; Orientalist-Anglicist controversy, The introduction of western education in India; The rise of press, literature and public opinion; The rise of modern vernacular literature; Progress of Science; Christian missionary activities in India. ◉ Social and Religious Reform Movements in Bengal and Other Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Ram Mohan Roy, The Brahmo Movement; Devendranath Tagore; Iswarchandra Vidyasagar; The Young Bengal Movement; Dayanada Saraswati; The social reform movements in India including Sati, widow remarriage, child marriage etc.; The contribution of Indian renaissance to the growth of modern India; Islamic revivalism—the Feraizi and Wahabi Movements
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 JANUARY, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Indian Response to British Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Peasant movement and tribal uprisings in the 18th and 19th centuries including the Rangpur Dhing (1783), the Kol Rebellion (1832), the Mopla Rebellion in Malabar (1841-1920), the ▣ Santal Hul (1855), Indigo Rebellion (1859-60), Deccan Uprising (1875) and the Munda Ulgulan (1899-1900); The Great Revolt of 1857 —Origin, character, causes of failure, the consequences; The shift in the character of peasant uprisings in the post-1857 period; the peasant movements of the 1920s and 1930s. ▣ Factors leading to the birth of Indian Nationalism; Politics of Association; The Foundation of the Indian National Congress; The Safety-valve thesis relating to the birth of the Congress;

- ▣ Programme and objectives of Early Congress; the social composition of early Congress leadership; the Moderates and Extremists; The Partition of Bengal (1905); The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal; the economic and political aspects of Swadeshi Movement; The beginning of revolutionary extremism in India.
- ▣ Rise of Gandhi; Character of Gandhian nationalism; Gandhi's popular appeal; Rowlatt Satyagraha; the Khilafat Movement; the Non-cooperation Movement; National politics from the end of the Non-cooperation movement to the beginning of the Civil Disobedience Movement; the two phases of the Civil Disobedience Movement; Simon Commission; The Nehru Report; the Round Table Conferences; Nationalism and the Peasant Movements; Nationalism and Working class movements; Women and Indian youth and students in Indian politics (1885-1947); the election of 1937 and the formation of ministries; Cripps Mission; the Quit India Movement; the Wavell Plan; The Cabinet Mission.

◉ **Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935.**

◉ **Other strands in the National Movement.**

- ▣ **The Revolutionaries:** Bengal, the Punjab, Maharashtra, U.P. the Madras Presidency, Outside India.
- ▣ **The Left;** The Left within the Congress: Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, the Congress Socialist Party; the Communist Party of India, other left parties.
- ▣ **Politics of Separatism;** the Muslim League; the Hindu Mahasabha; Communalism and the politics of partition; Transfer of power; Independence.
- ▣ **Consolidation as a Nation;** Nehru's Foreign Policy; India and her neighbours (1947-1964); The linguistic reorganisation of States (1935-1947); Regionalism and regional inequality; Integration of Princely States; Princes in electoral politics; the Question of National Language.

- ❑ **Caste and Ethnicity after 1947;** Backward Castes and Tribes in post-colonial electoral politics; Dalit movements.
- ❑ **Economic development and political change;** Land reforms; the politics of planning and rural reconstruction; Ecology and environmental policy in post-colonial India; Progress of Science.

MODERN WORLD

TEST-7
25 JANUARY,
2023

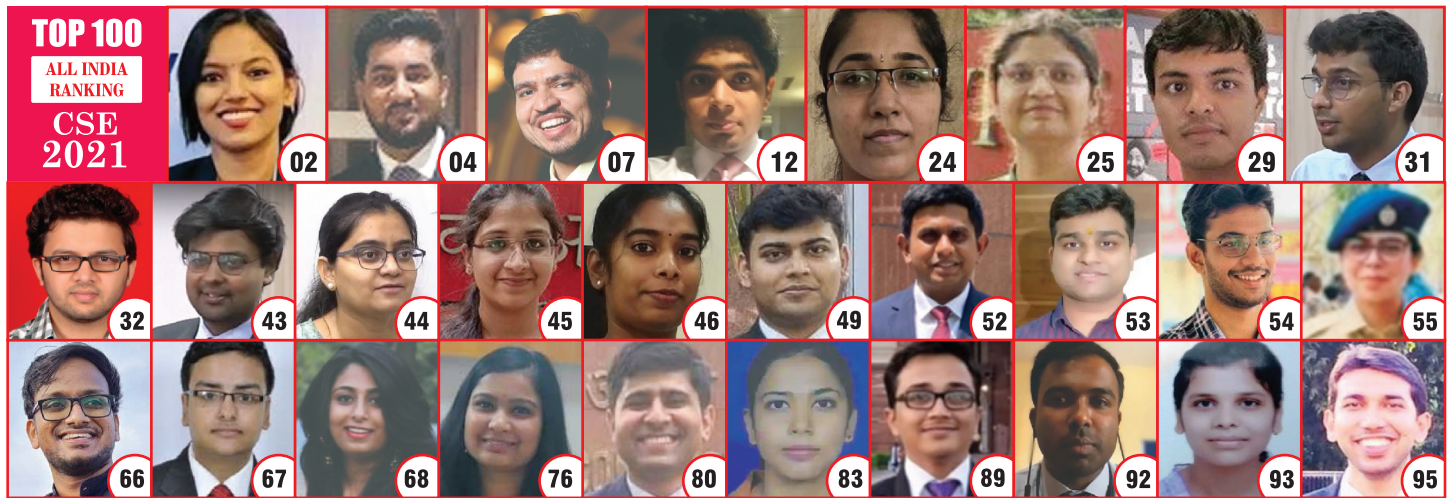
- ◉ **Enlightenment and Modern ideas:**
 - ❑ Major Ideas of Enlightenment: Kant, Rousseau.
 - ❑ Spread of Enlightenment in the colonies.
 - ❑ Rise of socialist ideas (up to Marx); spread of Marxian Socialism.
- ◉ **Origins of Modern Politics :**
 - ❑ European States System.
 - ❑ American Revolution and the Constitution.
 - ❑ French Revolution and Aftermath, 1789-1815.
 - ❑ American Civil War with reference to Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery.
 - ❑ British Democratic politics, 1815-1850 : Parliamentary Reformers, Free Traders, Chartists.
- ◉ **Industrialization :**
 - ❑ English Industrial Revolution : Causes and Impact on Society.
 - ❑ Industrialization in other countries: USA, Germany, Russia, Japan.
 - ❑ Industrialization and Globalization.
- ◉ **Nation-State System :**
 - ❑ Rise of Nationalism in 19th century.
 - ❑ Nationalism : State-building in Germany and Italy.
 - ❑ Disintegration of Empires in the face of the emergence of nationalities across the World.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Imperialism and Colonialism : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ South and South-East Asia. ▣ Latin America and South Africa. ▣ Australia. ▣ Imperialism and free trade: Rise of neo-imperialism. ◉ Revolution and Counter-Revolution : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ 19th Century European revolutions. ▣ The Russian Revolution of 1917-1921. ▣ Fascist Counter-Revolution, Italy and Germany. ▣ The Chinese Revolution of 1949.
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 JANUARY, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ World Wars : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ 1st and 2nd World Wars as Total Wars : Societal implications. ▣ World War I : Causes and Consequences. ▣ World War II : Causes and Consequences. ◉ The World after World War II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Emergence of Two power blocs. ▣ Emergence of Third World and non-alignment. ▣ UNO and the global disputes. ◉ Liberation from Colonial Rule : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Latin America-Bolivar. ▣ Arab World-Egypt. ▣ Africa-Apartheid to Democracy. ▣ South-East Asia-Vietnam. ◉ Decolonization and Underdevelopment : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Factors constraining Development; Latin America, Africa. ▣ Unification of Europe : ▣ Post War Foundations; NATO and European Community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▣ Consolidation and Expansion of European Community▣ European Union.◉ Disintegration of Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World :<ul style="list-style-type: none">▣ Factors leading to the collapse of Soviet Communism and Soviet Union, 1985-1991.▣ Political Changes in East Europe 1989-2001.▣ End of the Cold War and US Ascendancy in the World as the lone superpower.
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AFTER PRELIMS

TEST - 09	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST - 10	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 2)
TEST - 11	MOCK - 3 (PAPER - 1)
TEST - 12	MOCK - 4 (PAPER - 2)



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