



# HISTORY

## BOOKS - XII BOARDS PREVIOUS YEAR

### DELHI 2019

#### Delhi 2019 Set I

1. Describe the detailed observations and critical insights given in the Bernier's "Travels in the Mughal Empire".



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2. "Inscriptional evidence has its own limitations while reconstructing history."

Justify the statement giving two points.



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3. Why was Rihla called a remarkable book of Ibn Battuta? Give two reasons.



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4. State any two characteristic features of the towns built by the Mughals in India during sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.



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5. State any two characteristic features of the 'new Black Town' developed during the colonial period in Madras.



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6. Prove with the help of examples that the Harappans had established their contacts with Western Asia for purchase/exchange of artifacts.



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7. Describe the sources historians have used to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire.?



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8. The Virupaksha Temple developed as significant architectural religious and cultural centre'. Explain the statement with suitable examples



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9. "Akbar consciously made Persian the leading language of the Mughal Court." Justify the statement with the efforts made by him.



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**10.** The visible centre of Mughal power was the King's Court. Justify the statement with suitable arguments



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**11.** Analyse the impact of American Civil War on the Taxes of the Ryots in Deccan country-side.



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**12.** Examine why were the religious divisions between Hindus and Muslims hardly noticeable during the uprising of 1857

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**13.** Why did B. Pocker Bahadur from Madras make a powerful plea for continuing separate electorate in the Constituent Assembly?  
Explain

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**14.** Describe the 'Ideal of Patriliney' and 'Gendered access to Property prevailing during sixth century B.C.E. to sixth century C.E.



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**15.** Describe the elements considered by historians to analyse Mahabharata. State the efforts of V.S. Suthankar and his team for the preparation of the critical edition of Mahabharata.







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**16.** Explain how the chronicle 'Ain-i-Akbari' is the major source to understand agrarian history of sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Also, explain the method of irrigation and technology used during that period.



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**17.** Explain the role played by Zamindars during sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in India



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**18.** "The Non-Cooperation Movement was training for self rule," Analyze the statement of American biographer Louis Fisher in the context of Indian Nationalism.



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**19.** The Salt Satyagraha was one of the most successful campaigns in Gandhiji's non-violent struggle against Britishers. Analyse the statement.



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**20.** A Prayer to Agni

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food. Agni, obtain, by sacrificing, mighty wealth for us. Procure, O Agni, for ever to him who prays to you (the gift of) nourishment, the wonderful cow. May a son be ours offspring that continues our line.

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Why was Vedic Sanskrit significant?



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Explain any two Vedic traditions of religious beliefs and practices.



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Why were sacrifices performed during Vedic Period?



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**23.** Here is a composition attributed to Kabir:

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No one lord of the world but two?

Who led you so astray?

God is called by many names:

Names like Allah, Ram, Karim, Keshav, Hari and  
Hazrat.

Gold may be shaped into rings and bangles.

Isn't it gold all the same?

Distinctions are only words we invent...

Kabir says that are both mistaken.

Neither can find the only Ram. One kills the  
goat, the other cows,



They waste their lives in disputation.

How has Kabir laid emphasis on the attainment of oneness with the divine?

Explain.



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How do you think the people waste their lives in disputation?



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How has the lyrical beauty of his poem made him a figure of inter-religious harmony?

Explain



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constituted, with such territorial readjustments as may be necessary that the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in a majority as in the north-western and eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute "Independent States", in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign.

Identify the major demands of the Muslim League.



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Analyse the reasons for the demand of autonomy by the Muslim League.



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Analyse the reasons aspects of the Muslim League Resolution of 1940.



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## **29. A Small Basket of Grapes**

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his experience during one of his visits to Karachi in 1949:

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Analyse the attitude of the people of Karachi towards Khushdeva Singh



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Express the feelings of Khushdeva Singh at Karachi

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"Love is stronger than hate." Elucidate the statement in the context of this narrative.



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**32.** On the given political outline map of India.

Locate and label the following with appropriate symbols:

(a) Agra, a territory under Mughals.

OR

Vijaynagara

(b) Champaran, a centre of National

Movement

OR

Gwalior a centre of the Revolt of 1857.



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**33.** On the same outline map three places have been marked as A, B, C which are related to the mature Harappan sites. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines marked



near them.



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**Delhi 2019 Set II**

1. "Coinage plays a valuable role in determining certain period of Indian history." Justify the statement giving two points.



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2. Why is Al-Biruni's text "Kitab-ul-Hind" considered as a voluminous text?



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3. Describe the administrative features of the Mauryan Empire.



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4. Mahanavami Dibba of Vijaynagara was the centre of elaborate rituals'. Explain the statement with suitable examples



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5. Why did N. G. Ranga urge to interpret minorities in the economic terms in the Constituent Assembly? Explain.



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6. "Quit India Movement" was genuinely a mass movement bringing into its ambit hundreds of thousands of ordinary Indians."

Analyse the statement.



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7. The worst is over but Indians need to work collectively for the equality of all classes and creeds. Substantiate the statement of Gandhiji for bringing communal peace after the partition of India.



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1. "Mauryan Empire was regarded as a major landmark in the early Indian history" Justify the statement giving two points.



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2. Why is Francois Bernier's work "Travels in the Mughal Empire" marked important in Europe? Give two reasons:



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3. Describe the featurers of Coinage from sixty century BCE till sixth century CE



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4. Abdur Razzaq and Domingo Paes were impressed by the fortification of the Vijaynagar Empire. Explain the statement with suitable examples.



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5. Why did Dr. B. R. Ambedkar argue for Strong Centre in the Consituent Assembly Explain



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6. Gandhiji and Salt Satyagraha' had made the British rulers desperately anxious." Analyse the statement of Times, American news magazine in this context.



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7. Historians have used different kinds of sources in reconstructing the political career of Gandhiji and the history of social and nationalist movements. Substantiate the statement with examples





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