



# HISTORY

## BOOKS - XII BOARDS PREVIOUS YEAR

### OUTSIDE DELHI 2015

#### Outside Delhi 2015 Set I

1. How have the Prashastis drawn the factual information about the Gupta rulers?



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2. The Lingayats disapproved certain practices of the Dharmashastras. Cite any two such practices



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3. Name the region where the Lottery Committee initiated town planning during the 18th century Mention any one feature of it



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4. Why were the water resources of the Vijaynagar Empire developed? Give reasons.



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5. Examine the policies adopted by the British towards the Paharias during early 18h century in Bengal.



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6. Explain the strategies for procuring materials by the Harappans for the craft production.



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7. Historians have used a variety of sources to reconstruct the history of the Mauryan Empire. State any four such sources.



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**8.** Identify the distinctive features of the imperial household of the Mughal Empire.



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**9.** Critically examine Lord Dalhousie's policy of annexation in Awadh.



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**10.** Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Dr. Khushdeva Singh describes his work as "humble efforts I made to discharge my duty as a human being to fellow human beings."

"Love is stronger than hate." How true is this value which was proved at the time of the partition of India? What are the values one needs to instill and nurture to avoid hatred ?

Explain. "The Revolt of 1857 marked first nationalist challenge to the English in India."

Explain giving examples the values imbibed

and practised by the rebels to set the beginning for it.



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**11.** "The Salt March of 1930 was the first event that brought Mahatma Gandhi to world attention Explain the significance of this movement for Swaraj.



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**12.** "The architecture in colonial Bombay represented nationalism and religious glory."

Support the statement with examples



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**13.** Describe the life of forest dwellers in the Mughal era.



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**14.** How did Sutta-Pitaka reconstruct the philosophy of Buddhism ? Mention about Buddhist Tipitaka.



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**15.** Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow "Proper" social roles story from the Adi Parvan of the Here is a Mahabharat Once Drona, a Brahmins who taught archery to the Kuru princes, was

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mouth. When the dog returned to the Pandavas, they were amazed at this superb display of archery. They tacked down Eklavya, who introduced himself Drona.

Drona had once told his favourite student Arjuna, that he would be unrivalled amongst his pupils. Arjuna now reminded Drona about this. Drona approached Eklavya, who immediately acknowledged and honoured him as his teacher. When Drona demanded his right thumb as his fee, Eklavya unhesitatingly cut it off and offered it. But, thereafter when he shot with his remaining fingers, he was no

longer as fast as he had been before. Thus,

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How did Eklavya react to the demand of his Guru ?



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Mention two versions of Guru-Shishya Paramparas mentioned in the given extract.



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**18.** Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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and fect, lest she should run away, and in that situation the innocent creature was burnt alive. I found it difficult to repress my feelings and to prevent their bursting forth into clamorous and unavailing rage.

Why did Bernier consider this treatment as a crucial marker of the difference between western and eastern societies?



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What role did the Indian patriarchal society play towards this social evil ?



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Compare the condition of the women of the era mentioned above to that of today



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Why are separate electorates considered as a mischief?



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State the arguments given by Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel for building political unity and forging a nation.

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How did the philosophy of separate electorates

result in a separate nation



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**24.** On the given political outline map of India,

locate and label the following with

appropriate symbols:

(a) Dholavira



(b) Agra-the capital city of Mughals



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**25.** On the same outline map of India, three centres related to the Revolt of 1857 have been marked as A,B and C. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them.



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## Outside Delhi 2015 Set Ii

1. How were the-coins used in the first century CE? Give two examples.



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2. Kabir Bijak and Kabir Granthavali are the two distinct but overlapping traditions. How are they preserved?



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3. Why was Vitthala temple of the Vijayanagar unique?

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4. What was the other name of 'Bombay Deccan revenue system of 1820s'. Mention any three features of it.

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5. Describe the opinions of the archaeologists over the central authority of civilisation

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6. "The keeping of exact and detailed records was a major concern of the Mughal administration." Justify

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1. How did Kushana rulers exemplify themselves with the high status?



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2. "The message of Guru Nanak Devji was based on divinity." Mention any two aspects of it.



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3. Examine the provisions of Subsidiary Alliance System devised by Lord Wellesley in 1798 for India



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4. Why did the imperial power of Vijaynagar decline after the death of Krishnadeva Raya?



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5. Analyse the impact of cotton boom in India during the American Civil War.



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6. Explain the exclusive features of the craft production in Chanhudaro.



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7. Historians have provided accounts diplomatic relationships and conflicts with the neighbouring political powers of the Mughal Empire." Elaborate.



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8. Examine the repressive measures the British to subdue the rebels of 1857. adopted by



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