**IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR CLASS-XII**

**SUB-HISTORY**

1. List the material used to make beads in the Harappan Civilization. Describe the process by which any one kind of bead was made.
2. Describe the feature of Mohenjodaro.
3. Discuss how archaeologists reconstruct the past.
4. How are the burials found from the sites of Harappan culture different from the pyramids of Egypt?
5. Show that the Harappan culture was an urban culture
6. Discuss the notions of the kingship that developed in the post Mauryan period.
7. Write any four features of administrative system of Mauryan Empire.
8. Discuss the limitation of inscriptional evidences.
9. Explain why patriliny may have been particularly important among the elite families.
10. Discuss whether the Mahabharata could have been the work of a single author.
11. Explain the findings of the archaeologist B.B.Lal in excavations at the village Hastinap
12. Describe the role of the Begums of Bhopal in preserving the stupa at Sanchi.
13. Lord Buddha laid stress on right conduct and values. In the light of this message explain his teachings
14. Discuss Al-Biruni’s understanding of the caste system.
15. Discuss the picture of urban centres that emerges from Bernier’s account.
16. Explain briefly the barriers felt by Al-Biruni in understanding what he observed in India.
17. Explain how the prosperity of India has been explained by the historians on the basis Ibn Battuta’s observation.
18. Explain the views of the Bernier about a more complex social reality in the Mughal Empire.
19. Explain with example what historians mean by the integration of cults.
20. Discuss the ways in which the Alvars, Nayanars and Virashaivas expressed critiques of the caste system.
21. Describe the major teachings of Kabir Guru Nanak and the way they have been transmitted.
22. Who led a new movement in Karnataka? What were his followers known as?
23. Explain Chisti devotionalism with special reference to Ziyarat and Qawwali.
24. Explain how the biography of the poetess Mirabai has been reconstructed. How did she defy the norms of the society.
25. Who were Lingayats? Explain their contribution in the social and religious fields with special reference to caste system.
26. Discuss the main teachings of Islam.
27. Discuss the the main teachings of Sufisim.
28. Write some important features of Bhakti Movement.
29. How were the water requirements of Vijaynagar met?
30. What do you think was the significance of the rituals associated with the Mahanavami Dibba?
31. Mention the striking features about the geographical location of the Vijaynagara.
32. Describe the various efforts made by the scholars to vijaynagara after Mackenzie ti
33. What were the problems in using the Ain as a source for reconstructing agrarian history? How do historians deal with the situation?
34. Describe the role played by women in agricultural production.
35. Describe the lives of forest dwellers in the 16-17th centuries.
36. Explain the role of the panchayats in the Mughal rural Indian society during the 16-17th centuries.
37. Describe the process of manuscript production in the Mughal court.
38. Assess the role of the women of the Imperial household in the Mughal empire.
39. Analyze Akbar’s religious policy.
40. What were the measures taken to ensure unity among the rebels?
41. What steps did the British take to quell the uprising?
42. What do the visual representations tell us about the revolt of 1857? How do the historians analyses these representations?
43. Why did the mutinous sepoys in many places turn to the erstwhile rulers to provide leadership to the revolt?
44. Examine how concerns of defense and health gave a shape to Calcutta?
45. How were urban centers transformed during the 18th century?
46. What were the new kinds of public places that emerged in colonial city? What functions did they serve?
47. What do you understand by Deccan riots commission.
48. Why did the Santhals revolted against the British rule?
49. Discuss about the life of hill folk of Rajmahal hills, Paharia.
50. What are the problems of using official sources in writing about the history of peasants?
51. What were steps taken by the British East India Company to control the Zamindars?
52. What were the social, economical religious and military causes of 1857 revolt?.
53. How were the lives of forest dwellers transformed in the 16th-17th centuries.
54. What explains the anger of the Deccan ryots against the moneylender
55. How did prominent Indian merchants establish themselves in the colonial city?
56. Describe the growth of cantonments in India ?

63.What are the different colonial architectural styles which can be seen in

Bombay?

64. Write a note on Dandi March andexplain the significance of this march?

65. What was the problem of separate electorates? What were the disagreement between Congress

andDalits on this issue? Finally what solution to be of this issue?

66. How did Gandhiji transform National Movement into mass movement?

67. Explain the sources from which we can reconstruct the political career of Mahatma Gandhi and the

history of National Movement of India.

68“Where ever Gandhiji went, rumours spread of his miraculous power.” Explain with examples.

69“The partition of India was a holocaust”. Justify?

70.What are the merits and demands of Oral history?

71.Why Cabinet missions was sent to India? What were the main features of its plan?

72.What was the impact of partition on Indian women.

73. On an outline map of India

a. Mention any three important towns of Gupta period.

b. Mark and name of any five Princely States at the time of Independence.

c. Mark and name the following places

 civil disobedience movement begin

 Peasant movement

 Ajmer

 Masulipatam

 The places associated with the 1857 revolt

 Three territories/cities under Babur,Akbar and Aurangzeb’s reign

The place where the Jallainwala Bagh massacre occurred

D. Mark and name three places associated with Ashokan inscriptions

E.Mark the place where the Buddha was born and the place where he gave his first sermon.

F. Mark and name any three mature Harappan sites.