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HISTORY

Paper : HISMAJ1024

(Introduction to Medieval Indian History)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer (Multiple-choice) :
1×8=8

(a) Who founded the Delhi Sultanate in 1206 ?

(i) Babur

(ii) Qutb-ud-din Aibak

(iii) Akbar

(iv) Ibrahim Lodi

(b) The Battle of Panipat in 1526 resulted in the establishment of which empire in India ?

- (i) Maratha Empire
- (ii) Vijayanagara Empire
- (iii) Mughal Empire
- (iv) Delhi Sultanate

(c) Which Mughal emperor is known for his policy of religious tolerance and promotion of a syncretic culture ?

- (i) Babur
- (ii) Aurangzeb
- (iii) Akbar
- (iv) Shah Jahan

(d) The architectural marvel, the Taj Mahal, was commissioned by which Mughal emperor ?

- (i) Babur
- (ii) Akbar
- (iii) Shah Jahan
- (iv) Aurangzeb

(e) Who was the first European power to establish trading outposts in India during the Medieval period ?

- (i) British
- (ii) Portuguese
- (iii) Dutch
- (iv) French

(f) The Battle of Plassey in 1757 was fought between the British East India Company and the forces of the Nawab of which region ?

- (i) Awadh
- (ii) Bengal
- (iii) Mysore
- (iv) Punjab

(g) Who among the following Mughal emperors was known as Shahenshah?

- (i) Babur
- (ii) Humayun
- (iii) Akbar
- (iv) Aurangzeb

(h) Which Maratha king is known for his military campaigns against the Mughal Empire and his establishment of Maratha supremacy ?

(i) Shivaji

(ii) Baji Rao I

(iii) Chhatrapati Rajaram

(iv) Balaji Vishwanath

2. Answer the following questions (*any six*) :

2×6=12

(a) Who was the first ruler of the Delhi Sultanate, and in which year did he established The Sultanate ?

(b) Between whom and when was the First Battle of Tarain fought ?

(c) Mention *any two* causes that led to the decline of the Delhi Sultanate.

(d) Name *two* administrative measures of Muhammad bin Tughluq which were later withdrawn.

(e) Name *two* saints of the Bhakti Movement.

(f) What was Jizya ? Name the Emperor who abolished it.

(g) Name *two* European travellers who visited India during the period 1250–1526 A.D.

(h) Name *two* significant consequences of the Battle of Plassey (1757) for British colonialism in India.

3. Answer the following questions (*any six*) :

5×6=30

(a) How did Balban follow 'blood and iron' policy in his administration ?

(b) How did the Bhakti Movement affect the social and cultural life of the people?

(c) Write a note on Alauddin Khajji's Market Reform Policy.

- (d) Discuss the various schemes of Muhammad bin Tughluq.
- (e) Discuss Akbar's Rajput Policy.
- (f) Write a note on Krishna-Deva Raya.
- (g) What were the reasons for Sultana Razia's failure ?
- (h) Write a brief note on Firuz Shah Tughluq.
- (i) Write the causes of the rise of the Marathas in the seventeen century.

4. Answer the following questions **(any two)** :
10×2=20

- (a) Write about the various sources of Medieval Indian History.
- (b) Describe briefly about the socio-economic condition of India during the time of Babur's invasion.
- (c) What were the causes of the downfall of the Mughal Empire ? How far was Aurangzeb responsible for it ?

- (d) Describe the role of women in Medieval Indian society, with a focus on their socio-economic status, education, and participation in politics.