

History Optional Test Series- Mains 2023

Key Highlights:

- ❖ 4 Full Length Tests and 8 Sectional Tests
- ❖ Questions set exactly as per the current trend of UPSC
- ❖ Complete coverage of updated UPSC syllabus with emphasis on frequently asked topics or areas of syllabus
- ❖ Special attention to Map based questions (Focus on tips and techniques to score highly)
- ❖ Top quality expert feedback and guidance
- ❖ Personal Mentoring with one-to-one interaction

Serial No	Type of Test	Date	Section/Module	Paper Covered	Topics	Resources / Books / References
1	Sectional -1	02/07/23 Sunday	Ancient India	Paper 1	Topic: Sources Topic: Pre-history and Proto-history: Indus Valley Civilization Megalithic Cultures Aryans and Vedic Period Period of Mahajanapad as	IGNOU BA and MA Booklets, Upender Singh: A history of ancient and early medieval India Early India: Romila Thaper (Selective Reading)

2	Secti onal- 2	09/07/23 Sunday	Ancient India	Paper 1	Topics	
					Mauryan Empire Post - Mauryan Period (Indo-Greeks, Sakas, Kushanas, Western Kshatrapas) Early State and Society in Eastern India, Deccan and South India Guptas, Vakatakas and Vardhanas Regional States during Gupta Era Themes in Early Indian Cultural History	Same as Above Selective Reading of Krishna Reddy Book can be done to understand parts of Deccan and South India
Test -3	Secti onal- 3	16/07/23 Sunday	Medieval India	Paper 1	Topics	
					Early Medieval India, 750-1200	IGNOU BA and MA Booklets,

					<p>Cultural Traditions in India, 750-1200</p> <p>The Thirteenth Century</p> <p>Foundation of Delhi Sultanate and early Turkish Sultans</p> <p>The Fourteenth Century</p> <p>Society, Culture and Economy in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries</p> <p>The Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Century</p>	<p>Medieval India: From Sultanate to Mughal Empire – Part One and Two By Satish Chandra</p> <p>An Advanced Study in the History of Medieval India by J L Mehta</p> <p>(Selective Reading)</p> <p>Selective Reading of Krishna Reddy Book to understand Early Medieval India</p>
Test 4	Sectional-4	23/07/23 Sunday	Medieval India	Paper 1	<p>Akbar</p> <p>Mughal Empire in the Seventeenth Century</p>	<p>Same As Above</p>

					<p>Economy and Society in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries</p> <p>Culture in the Mughal Empire</p> <p>The Eighteenth Century</p>	
5	Sectional-5	30/07/23 Sunday	Modern History	Paper 2	<p>European Penetration into India</p> <p>British Expansion in India</p> <p>Early Structure of the British Raj</p> <p>Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule</p> <p>Social and Cultural Developments</p> <p>Social and Religious Reform movements in Bengal and Other Areas</p>	<p>32nd edition of A new look at Modern Indian History – From 1707 to the Modern Times- B.L Grover and Alka Mehta, S. Chand Publication</p> <p>Old NCERT class XII by Bipin Chandra</p> <p>India's Struggle for Independence (1857-1947) by</p>

					<p>Indian Response to British Rule</p> <p>Factors leading to the birth of Indian Nationalism</p>	<p>Bipin Chndra</p> <p>Plassey to Partition by Shekhar bandopadh yay</p> <p>Selective Reading of Modern India by Sumeet Sarkar</p>
6	Secti onal-6	06/08/23 Sunday	Modern History	Paper 2	<p>Rise of Gandhi</p> <p>Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935</p> <p>Other strands in the National Movement</p> <p>The Revolutionari es</p> <p>Politics of Separatism</p> <p>Consolidation as a Nation</p> <p>Caste and Ethnicity after 1947</p>	<p>Same as above</p> <p>India after Independe nce by Bipin Chandra or India after Gandhi by Ramchand ra Guha To be read very selectively only for</p>

					Economic development and political change	Post Independence part
7	Secti onal-7	13/08/23 Sunday	World History	Paper 2	Enlightenmen t and Modern ideas Origins of Modern Politics Industrializati on Nation-State System Imperialism and Colonialism Revolution and Counter Revolution	Arjun Dev's- Contemporary World History- Old NCERT Class XII book – For basic reading IGNOU B.A selected chapters A Study of Modern Europe and the World 1815-1950 by M ukherjee Norman Lowe – Selected chapters for the second half of syllabus

						Very Selective Reading of Jain and Mathur or Ranjan Chakrobarty(Depending upon requirement)
8	Sectional-8	20/08/23 Sunday	World History	Paper 2	<p>World Wars</p> <p>The World after World War II</p> <p>Liberation from Colonial Rule</p> <p>Decolonization and Underdevelopment</p> <p>Unification of Europe</p> <p>Disintegration of Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World</p>	<p>Arjun Dev's- Contemporary World History- Old NCERT Class XII book – For basic reading</p> <p>IGNOU B.A selected chapters</p> <p>A Study of Modern Europe and the World 1815-1950 by Mukherjee</p> <p>Norman Lowe – Selected chapters for the</p>

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09	Full Length Test-1	25/08/23 Sunday	Ancient+ Medieval India	Paper 1		
10	Full Length Test-2	25/08/23 Sunday	Modern + World History	Paper 2	Complete Syllabus of Paper 1	
11	Full Length Test-3	30/08/23 Friday	Ancient + Medieval India	Paper 1		
12	Full Length Test-4	30/08/23 Friday	Modern+ World History	Paper 2	Complete Syllabus of Paper 2	

Note: Selective Reading should be done as per syllabus and recent nature/pattern of questions.

Key to Success: Optimum Reading, Maximum Practice, Best Presentation through an Art of Answer Writing.

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