

History Optional Test Series- Mains 2024

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 |
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| 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) |

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| 2 | Secti onal- 2 | 16/07/23 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 | 30/07/23 Sunday | Medieval India | Paper 1 | Topics | |
| | | | | | Early Medieval India, 750-1200 | IGNOU BA and MA Booklets, |

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| | | | | | <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 | 13/08/23 Sunday | Medieval India | Paper 1 | <p>Akbar</p> <p>Mughal Empire in the Seventeenth Century</p> | <p>Same As Above</p> |

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| | | | | | <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 | 27/08/23 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> |

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| | | | | | <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 | 10/09/23 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> |

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| | | | | | Economic development and political change | Post Independence part |
| 7 | Secti onal-7 | 24/09/23 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 |

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| 8 | Secti onal-8 | 08/10/23 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 | 22/10/23 Sunday | Ancient+ Medieval India | Paper-1 | | |
| 10 | Full Length Test-2 | 05/11/23 Sunday | Modern + World History | Paper 2 | Complete Syllabus of Paper 1 | |
| 11 | Full Length Test-3 | 19/11/23 Sunday | Ancient + Medieval India | Paper-1 | | |
| 12 | Full Length Test-4 | 19/11/23 Sunday | 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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