

CUET 2026 May 11 Shift 1 History

Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

Q1. Identify the incorrect statement regarding the 'Subsidiary Alliance System' from the following options.

- (a) Nawabs were dependent on the British Army for their protection.
- (b) Under this system, the British would be responsible for the internal and external protection of Indian rulers.
- (c) Nawabs and local rulers were allowed to keep their own army as well.
- (d) Subsidiary Alliance was the strategy of the British to acquire more territories in India.

Q2. Which scholar, due to his ignorance, incorrectly considered Sanchi to be a center of 'Tree and Serpent worship'?

- (a) James Fergusson
- (b) Walter Elliot
- (c) H.H. Cole
- (d) Colin Mackenzie

Q3. What is the Telugu work on statecraft composed by Krishnadeva Raya called?

- (a) Amuktamalyada
- (b) Vennello Adapilla

- (c) Mahaprasthanam
 - (d) Amaravati Kathalu
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Q4. Who is the individual known for deciphering Asokan Brahmi in 1838?

- (a) Indian pandits
 - (b) Alexander Cunningham
 - (c) James Prinsep
 - (d) None of the above
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Q5. Mahatma Gandhi strongly criticized the modern age for what specific reason?

- (a) Poor depended on rich
 - (b) Humans lacked technology
 - (c) Humans became poor
 - (d) Machines enslaved humans
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Q6. "I think it would be extremely dangerous for them if they were segregated from the rest of the community and kept aloof in an air-tight compartment where they would have to rely on others even for the air they breath ... The minorities if they are returned by separate electorates can never have any effective voice."

Who is the 'I' in the lines above?

- (a) Vallabhbhai Patel
 - (b) Rajendra Prasad
 - (c) Govind Ballabh Pant
 - (d) Jawaharlal Nehru
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Q7. Match List – I with List – II:

List – I	List – II
(A) Rani Lakshmi Bai	(I) Arrah
(B) Birjis Qadr	(II) Awadh
(C) Kunwar Singh	(III) Jhansi
(D) Nana Sahib	(IV) Kanpur

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
 - (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
 - (c) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
 - (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
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Q8. Arrange the following foreign travellers according to their year of visit to India in chronological order.

- (A) Duarte Barbosa from Portugal.
- (B) Francois Bernier from France.
- (C) Marco Polo from Italy.
- (D) Ibn Battuta from Morocco.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) B, C, D, A
 - (b) C, D, B, A
 - (c) A, B, C, D
 - (d) C, D, A, B
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Q9. In the 19th century, why were the French and English interested in the stupa at Sanchi?

- (a) To learn about Indian cuisine
 - (b) To study Indian politics
 - (c) To display the eastern gateway in European museums
 - (d) To promote Indian art and culture
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Q10. Arrange the following in a chronological manner.

- (A) Ashtadhyayi of Panini
- (B) The works of Kalidasa
- (C) Compilation of the Puranas (in Sanskrit)
- (D) Natyashastra of Bharata

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) D, C, A, B
- (b) B, A, D, C
- (c) A, D, C, B

(d) A, C, D, B

