

CLASS – XI HISTORY Chapter-I From the beginning of time ;:-

- Q1. What are primates?
- Q2. Define Hominoids.
- Q3. Define Ethnography.
- Q4. Define 'Anthropology'.
- Q5. What is 'Australopithecus'?
- Q6. What do you know about the Heidelberg man and Neanderthal man?
- Q7. When and how did man appear on earth?
- Q8. How did fire help man?
- Q9. What benefits did man get from his erect position?
- Q10. What are fossils?
- Q11. What are species?
- Q12. What are the 3 main characteristics of Paleolithic age?
- Q13. Explain the main discoveries of Neolithic Age.
- Q14. How does an anthropologist help the historian?
- Q15. What progress did man make in respect of shelter clothing, tools & weapons?
- Q16. How did the following inventions help?
(a) Invention of Potter's wheel (b) Spinners Wheel (c) Cart Wheel (d) The art of writing
- Q17. Distinguish between the man and the animal. Name the 5 species of early man.
- Q18. Discuss arguments given in favour of regional continuity mode of human origin. Did it help in convincing archaeological evidence?
- Q19. How did Agriculture help man?
- Q20. Changes from food gathering to food providing from hunting to domesticating animals represents a big advance in man life. Explain.
- Q21. When did spoken language emerge?
- Q22. Explain the salient feature of Old Stone Age.
- Q23. Explain the inventions and practices which completely transformed man life in the Neolithic period.
- Q24. What were the various ways of obtaining food during early days?
- Q25. Explain how onset of glaciations brought major changes in climate vegetation? Which species were adapted to drier conditions?
- Q26. Why was there never a shortage of food even in times of drought? Mention the facts regarding the matter.
- Q27. How Farming and pastoralism did become a way of life.

WRITING AND CITY LIFE

- Q1. What do you understand by the word 'Mesopotamia'? Name the important centres of this civilization.
- Q2. What new contributions were made by the Mesopotamian civilization to the world?
- Q3. Describe the sacred temple (ziggurat) of Mesopotamia.
- Q4. What was Hammurabi's code of law?
- Q5. Why the early temples were more like a house.
- Q6. What do you know about Mesopotamia seals?
- Q7. What do you know about the time division of Mesopotamia?
- Q8. Mesopotamians valued city life. Explain. Many communities & cultures lived side by side – explain.
- Q9. Explain what we know about the palace of Mari of King Zimritum.
- Q10. Explain the city state of Ur.
- Q11. Explain the story on the development of Mesopotamian writing.

CHAPTER – 4

- Q1. When did Islam arise? What was its impact on Arabia?
- Q2. What is meant by 'Aramaic'? Q3. Explain types (qabilas) of Arab world.
- Q4. Who was Mohammad? Q5. Explain the main teachings of Islam.
- Q6. What do you know about the Dome of the Rock?
- Q7. What were the 2 main contributions of the Arabs in other fields?
- Q8. Why was Mohammad forced to migrate with his followers to Medina?
- Q9. What do you know about the great mosque of Al-Mutawwakil in Samarra?
- Q10. Explain the contribution made by the Arabs in the field of culture.
- Q11. How did the Arabs succeed in building up a vast empire in less than a hundred years?
- Q12. Explain the main features of the Islamic character.
- Q13. What were the reforms (coinage) of Abda Malik?
- Q14. Why Mohammad called himself the Messenger of God.
- Q15. For the survival of his religion and community of his believers what action had been taken by Mohammad?
- Q16. Explain the achievements made by Mohammad at Medina.
- Q17. Explain the features of the life of the Bedouin in the early 7th.
- Q18. What was the Abbasid Revolution?
- Q19. Give examples of the cosmopolitan character of the states set up by Arabs, Iranian & Turk.

- Q20. What were the effects of the crusades of Europe and Asia?
- Q21. Who were the caliphs? What was their authority?
- Q22. Write a short note on the Quran.
- Q23. Explain the Sufi ideology? How did it pose a challenge to orthodox Islam?
- Q24. What were the two dimensions of the Islamic religion during 656 - 61
- Q25. Write a short note on Shahnama.
- Q26. Who was considered the father of New Persian Poetry?
- Q27. How was Islamic architecture different from those of the Roman Empire?
- Q28. Mention some of the important literary work during the Arabic period.
- Q29. Describe the journey from Samarkand to Damascus, referring to cities on the route.
- Q30. Why after the death of Mohd. Prophet many tribes broke away from the Islamic state.
- Q31. What were the main sources of Income of the state?
- Q32. How far is it correct to say that the view cities were founded to settle Arab soldiers?
- Q33. Political unification and urban demand for food stuffs and luxuries enlarged the circuit of trade.
- Q34. Rising demand for money forced people to release their accumulated reserves and idle wealth into circulation. Explain.
- Q35. What do you know about the breakup of the caliphate and the rise of sultanate?
- Q36. What was the main purpose of the crusades? What were its effects on Muslims and Christian?
- Q37. What do you know about the economy, agriculture urbanization & commerce of the central Islamic period?
- Q38. Who were the Ulemas? How did they consolidate the Islamic law?
- Q39. Ghazni became the centre of Persian literary life. Explain the developments.
- Q40. Explain the architecture of the Islamic world of the 10th century.
- Q41. What is the importance of Mecca?

AN EMPIRE ACROSS THREE CONTINENTS

- Q1. What is meant by 'Pax Romana'?
- Q2. Explain the Roman Contribution to law and government.
- Q3. Who were the Patrician and Plebeians?
- Q4. What do you know about the Roman calendar?
- Q5. Explain the main social classes of Ancient Roman Civilization.
- Q6. Why do you think the Roman Government stopped coining in silver? Which metal did it begin to use for making coins.
- Q7. Describe the main factors which were responsible for the decline of Roman civilization.
- Q8. What was system of govt in ancient Greek & Roman called? How were they different from ancient China or ancient Iran?
- Q9. Describe the social conditions in ancient Greek and Rome.
- Q10. Describe the position of slaves in ancient Greek and Rome. in what kinds of work were they generally engaged.
- Q11. Mention one of the striking features of Roman urban life.
- Q12. Explain 5 differences between Roman and Greeks.
- Q13. The emperor aristocracy and army were the 3 main players in the political history of the empire. Explain.
- Q14. How far it is correct that modern features of Roman society was the widespread prevalence of the nuclear family.
- Q15. Point out the contribution of Roman Civilization to the world civilization.
- Q16. What features of Roman society and economy which makes it look quite modern?
- Q17. How Roman bureaucracy did become corrupt? How did Govt. put a check on it?
- Q18. What do you know about religion of ancient Roman?
- Q19. How was the third century crisis different from the first & second century's peace?
- Q20. What do you know about leading towns in a pastoral zone Mari which was known for its productivity in agriculture?

CHAPTER – 5 / 6 / 7

- Q1. Who were the Mongols? Under who did they build a transcontinental empire.
- Q2. Explain the military achievements of Genghis Khan.
- Q3. Why was trade so significant to the Mongols?
- Q4. Why did Genghis Khan feel the need to frequent the Mongol tribes into new social military groupings?
- Q5. How do later Mongol reflections on the Yasa bring out the uneasy relationship they had with the memory of Genghis Khan.
- Q6. What does the word 'Feudalism' mean? Name the important classes of Feudal society.
- Q7. Describe classes in European society under Feudal system. What new class began to develop in later years of middle ages?
- Q8. What was the function of medieval monasteries?
- Q9. What contribution did Medieval Church make in the field of education, drama music and church?
- Q10. Compare the condition of the life of a French Serf and a Roman slave.
- Q11. Explain the position of nobility in a Feudal set up. What was their role in the feudal structure?
- Q12. What do you understand by 'Humanism'? How did Renaissance writers & contests give imp to this idea? Name few works.
- Q13. What 2 factors led to the estd. of nation states.

- Q14. What was life on a manor house like?
- Q15. What were the special features of medieval European towns?
- Q16. Why did Knights became a distinct group & when did they decline?

- Q1. What does the term 'Renaissance' mean what were the chief characteristics of Renaissance.
- Q2. Why did Renaissance begin in Italy first? Name a few cities where it started.
- Q3. The European in middle ages believed that the earth was the centre of universe. What changes did Renaissance scientists brought about in their view. Mention 2 scientists in this connection.
- Q4. Explain the contribution made by the Arabs.
- Q5. Where & when did Printing develop? Name the first book printed.
- Q6. Compare the Venetian idea of good govt. with those of contemporary France.
- Q7. Compare Italian architecture with Islamic architecture.
- Q8. What changes did Renaissance bring in the life of people?
- Q9. When & who discover America? Why did he call people living there Indian? What led to discovery of new routes & lands?
- Q10. What were the causes of protests against Catholic Church? What was the role of Martin Luther?
- Q11. Name the 2 evil practices of the Roman Catholic Church which led to reformation.

- 1. Give reasons for Spain and Portugal being the First in the 10th century to venture across the Atlantic.
- 2. What was the most important achievement of Mauryans?
- 3. Describe the achievements of Incas and Aztec civilization.
- 4. Describe the importance of Iron in the growth of civilization of Africa.
- 5. What were the new developments helping European navigation in 15th century.
- 6. What new food crises were transmitted from S. America to the rest of the world?
- 7. Explain the 'triangular trade' which developed between the 3 continents. How did it finally lead to European colonialism?
- 8. 'Charles without any explanation placed the emperor under house arrest & attempted to rule in his name' How it happened. Explain.
- 9. What do you know about the Arawakins?

Ch. Modernisation Ind. Rev.

- Q1. In which country did the Industrial Revolution begin first? How did it affect the living & working condition of the working class in the beginning?
- Q2. Why did the Ind. Rev. begin in England first? Give reasons. Bring out its social & eco consequences.
- Q3. How did Britain's involvement in wars from 1793 and 1815 affect British industries?
- Q4. Explain the major invention which brought Revolution in the textile industry.
- Q5. What developments were made in the field of transport & communication?
- Q6. What were the condition of women & children in the industries? Describe the imp Features of factory System.
- Q7. The industrial Revolution was a mixed blessing. Explain its positive & negative effects.
- Q8. Explain the theory of 'Karl Marx'.

Displacing Indigenous People

- Q1. What did Frontier mean to America?
- Q2. How did the colonization of America, Africa & Asia come about? Explain the different steps which made it possible.
- Q3. What does the term nature mean? Name the natives of America, New Zealand.
- Q4. What was the 'Gold Rush'?
- Q5. Why did the values loose the land in USA? Give main reasons.
- Q6. Give differences the nature of N & S America.
- Q7. Why were the natives of Australia left out of history breaks?

Ch-11

- Q1. What is 'Long March' in context of China?
- Q2. Write a short note on 'Ping Pong Diplomacy'.
- Q3. What were sun yats' 3 principles?
- Q4. What led to modernization of Japan before Meiji restoration?
- Q5. Describe the Japanese conquests in Asia during IInd World War.
- Q6. What did the Western powers do to counter the aggressive acts of Japan, Italy & Germany between 1931 & 1938?
- Q7. Do you think that Mao & Communist party of China were successful in liberating China & laying the bases of its current success?