



## IASbaba's History Optional Test Series 2022

Test	Topics	Sources
Sectional test 1	Sources, prehistory and proto-history, Indus Valley Civilization, Megalithic cultures, Aryan and Vedic period, Period of Mahajanapadas, Mauryan Empire post mauryan period, Early state and Society in Eastern India, Deccan and South, Guptas, Vatakatas and vardhanas, Regional states during Gupta Era, Themes in early Indian cultural history	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A history of ancient and early medieval India, Upinder Singh</li> <li>2. Early India, Romila Thapar</li> <li>3. Prehistory and Protohistory of India, V. K Jain</li> <li>4. Exploring Early India, Ranbir Chakravarty</li> <li>5. The wonder that was India (part 1), A. L Basham</li> <li>6. IGNOU study material</li> <li>7. India's Ancient Past, R S Sharma (old NCERT)</li> <li>8. NCERT - Class 6th, Class 12th</li> <li>9. Indian Art and Culture, Nitin Singhanian</li> <li>10. NCERT- An introduction to Indian Art, Class 11th</li> <li>11. A people's History of India Series (Edited by Irfan Habib)</li> <li>12. A text-book of Historiography, E. Sreedharan, (only for sources and historiographical trends)</li> </ol>

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<b>Sectional Test 2</b>	<p><b>Early Medieval India (750-1200AD), Cultural Traditions in India (750-1200AD), The thirteenth century, The fourteenth century, Society, Culture and Economy in 13th and 14th centuries, The 15th and early 16th century- Political developments and economy, 15th and early 16th century- Society and Culture, Akbar, Mughal Empire in 17th century, Economy and Society in 16th and 17th century, Culture in the Mughal empire, The 18th century</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medieval India- Part 1 and Part 2, Satish Chandra</li> <li>2. Medieval India- Study of civilization, Irfan Habib</li> <li>3. A history of ancient and early medieval India, Upinder Singh (only for early medieval India portion)</li> <li>4. History of Medieval India, Satish Chandra (old NCERT)</li> <li>5. The wonder that was India(part 2), S. A. Rizvi</li> <li>6. Comprehensive history of Medieval India, Salma Ahmed Farooqui</li> <li>7. From Plassey to Partition, Shekhar Bandyopadhyay (for 18th century and decline of Mughals)</li> <li>8. IGNOU study material</li> <li>9. NCERT - class 7th, class 12th</li> <li>10. Indian Art and Culture, Nitin Singhania</li> <li>11. NCERT- An introduction to Indian Art, Class 11th</li> <li>12. A people's History of India Series (Edited by Irfan habib)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">A text-book of Historiography, E. Sreedharan, (only for sources and historiographical trends)</p>
<b>Sectional Test 3</b>	<p><b>European penetration into India, British expansion in India, Early structure of the British Raj, Economic impact of the British colonial rule, social and cultural developments, Social and religious reform movements in Bengal and other areas, Indian response to British rule- peasant movements and tribal uprisings, Revolt of 1857, Birth of Indian</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From Plassey to partition and after, Shekhar Bandyopadhyay</li> <li>2. India's struggle for independence, Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, Sucheta Mahajan, K. N Panikkar</li> <li>3. History of Modern India, Bipan Chandra(old NCERT)</li> </ol>

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	<p>nationalism(1857-1885), Moderate phase(1885-1915), Revolutionary extremism, Gandhian Nationalism (1915-1942), Nationalism and the peasant movements, Nationalism and the working class movements, Women, Indian youth and students in Indian politics(1885-1947), Cripps mission, Quit India movement, Wavell plan, Cabinet mission, Constitutional developments in colonial India(1858-1935), The revolutionaries, The left, Politics of separatism, Muslim league, Hindu Mahasabha, Communalism and politics of partition, Transfer of power, Independence, Consolidation as a nation, Nehru's Foreign policy, India and her neighbours( 1947-64), Linguistic reorganisation of states (1935-47), Regionalism and regional inequality, Integration of princely states, Princes in electoral politics, question if national language, Caste and ethnicity after 1947, Backward castes and tribes in post colonial electoral politics, Dalit movements, Economic development and political change, Land reforms, The politics of planning and rural reconstruction, Ecology and environmental policy in post colonial India, Progress of science</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. A brief history of modern India, Spectrum publications</li> <li>5. A new look at modern Indian history, B. L Grover</li> <li>6. India Since Independence, Bipan Chandra</li> <li>7. India after Gandhi, Ramchandra Guha</li> <li>8. Modern India (1885-1947), Sumit Sarkar</li> <li>9. A people's History of India Series (Edited by Irfan habib)</li> <li>10. IGNOU materials</li> <li>11. NCERT- class 8th, class 12th</li> <li>12. A text-book of Historiography, E. Sreedharan, (only for sources and historiographical trends)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Sectional Test 4</b></p>	<p>Enlightenment and Modern ideas: (i) Major ideas of Enlightenment: Kant, Rousseau (ii) Spread of Enlightenment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. History of Modern World, Jain and Mathur</li> <li>2. Modern Europe and the world, L Mukherjee</li> <li>3. Modern world history, Norman Lowe</li> </ol>

in the colonies (iii) Rise of socialist ideas (up to Marx); spread of Marxian Socialism.

**Origins of Modern Politics:** (i) European States System. (ii) American Revolution and the Constitution. (iii) French revolution and aftermath, 1789-1815. (iv) American Civil War with reference to Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery. (v) British Democratic Politics, 1815- 1850; Parliamentary Reformers, Free Traders, Chartists.

**Industrialization:** (i) English Industrial Revolution: Causes and Impact on Society (ii) Industrialization in other countries: USA, Germany, Russia, Japan (iii) Industrialization and Globalization.

**Nation-State System:** (i) Rise of Nationalism in 19th century (ii) Nationalism: state-building in Germany and Italy (iii) Disintegration of Empires in the face of the emergence of nationalities across the world.

**Imperialism and Colonialism:** (i) South and South-East Asia (ii) Latin America and South Africa (iii) Australia (iv) Imperialism and free trade: Rise of neo-imperialism.

4. NCERT - class 9th, class 11th (last few chapters only for modern age)

5. IGNOU materials

**Revolution and Counterrevolution: (i) 19th Century European revolutions (ii) The Russian Revolution of 1917-1921 (iii) Fascist Counter-Revolution, Italy and Germany. (iv) The Chinese Revolution of 1949**

**World Wars: (i) 1st and 2nd World Wars as Total Wars: Societal implications (ii) World War I: Causes and consequences (iii) World War II: Causes and consequence**

**The World after World War II: (i) Emergence of two power blocs (ii) Emergence of Third World and non-alignment (iii) UNO and the global disputes.**

**Liberation from Colonial Rule: (i) Latin America-Bolivar (ii) Arab World-Egypt (iii) Africa-Apartheid to Democracy (iv) South-East Asia-Vietnam**

**Decolonization and Underdevelopment: (i) Factors constraining development: Latin America, Africa**

**Unification of Europe: (i) Post War Foundations: NATO and European Community (ii) Consolidation and Expansion of European Community (iii) European Union.**

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	<b>Disintegration of Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World: (i) Factors leading to the collapse of Soviet communism and the Soviet Union, 1985-1991 (ii) Political Changes in Eastern Europe 1989-2001. (iii) End of the cold war and US ascendancy in the World as the lone superpower.</b>	
<b>Cumulative Full Length test -1, Paper 1</b>		
<b>Cumulative Full Length test-2, Paper 2</b>		
<b>Cumulative Full Length test-3, Paper 1</b>		
<b>Cumulative Full Length test-4, Paper 2</b>		

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