

**Maulana Azad College**  
Department of History

**Model Questions**

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**Semester – II**

**CC – IV**

**Module(s) – III & VI**

**(Crisis of the Roman Empire – Historiography & Judaism and  
Christianity under Islam)**

**Objective Type (1 Mark) Questions**

1. Which city was called Second Rome?
2. What is the significance of 476 AD in the History of Europe?
3. Who was Edward Gibbon?
4. When did Constantine embrace Christianity?
5. When was Prophet Muhammad born?
6. Who were the 'Pious Caliphs'?
7. Where is Andalus located?
8. Which is the current name of the city of Constantinople?

**Shortnote Type (5 Marks) Questions**

1. Why was Rome described as a 'Plunder Economy' and how far was it significant as a cause of downfall of Rome?
2. Explain lead poisoning theory about the Fall of Rome.
3. How far foreign invasion was responsible for the disintegration of Roman Empire?
4. Who were 'Ahl-al-Kitab' or 'dhimmis'?
5. Who had established Bait al-Hikma and for what purpose?
6. Explain the concept of 'Reconquista' and its significance.
7. Why was jizya imposed upon non-muslims living under Islamic rule?
8. What is the importance of 'dev-shirme' for the Ottoman rule?

### **Essay Type (10 Marks) Questions**

1. Where did J.B. Bury differ from Edward Gibbon in explaining the decline of Roman Empire?
2. Can you explain the eventual downfall of Rome in terms of military 'weakness'?
3. Do you consider Ottoman Empire to be a tolerant one?
4. Analyse with suitable instances the status of Jews under Islamic rule.
5. 'There is no coercion in religion' – Do you consider the statement a reflection of Muslim - Non Muslim relationship in Pre-Modern World?
6. Do you consider crusade to be a 'just war'?

### **Semester – II**

### **GE – II**

### **Module – VII**

### **(Arabs in Sindh – Polity, Religion, Society)**

### **Objective Type (1 Mark) Questions**

1. Who was Dahir?
2. When was the battle of Rawar fought?
3. What is Chachnama?
4. Who was Hajjaj bin Yousuf?

### **Shortnote Type (5 Marks) Questions**

1. Why did the Arabs fail to penetrate further into India after 712 A.D.?
2. What was the cultural significance of the Arab conquest of Sindh?
3. What was the immediate cause of Arab attack on Sindh?

### **Essay Type (10 Marks) Questions**

1. Account for the victory of Arabs over Dahir in 711-12 A.D.
2. Make an assessment of Arab conquest of Sindh.

**Semester – IV**  
**CC – VIII**  
**Module(s) – I, II and V**  
**(Printing & Military Revolution, 17<sup>th</sup> Century Crisis in Europe,**  
**Mercantilism, Prelude to Industrial Revolution)**

**Objective Type (1 Mark) Questions**

1. What do you mean by Vellum?
2. Do you recognise Johann Fust and Peter Schoffer? What was their contribution?
3. Where was Xylography invented?
4. Who wrote Aeneid?
5. Why is Mehmet II remembered in History?
6. Who had described infantry as the 'substance and sinew' of armies?
7. Which country had invented long bow?
8. Which Emperor had employed Colbert as his Finance Minister?
9. Who had coined the term 'Mercantilism'?
10. Which city was the predominant financial hub of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe?

**Shortnote Type (5 Marks) Questions**

1. Analyse the military significance of the siege of Constantinople (1453).
2. Highlight the importance of the Battle of Pavia (1525).
3. How was existing knowledge combined to produce the Printing Revolution?
4. Why were printed books subjected to censorship?
5. Why did Europe experience a demographic crisis in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century?
6. Explain Trevor – Roper's theory of general crisis in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.
7. How did Hobsbawn account for the 17<sup>th</sup> Century crisis?
8. Briefly describe the economic foundation of Mercantilist Philosophy.
9. Define proto-Industrialisation.
10. How did Jean Baptist Colbert put Mercantilism into practice?

### **Essay Type (10 Marks) Questions**

1. How did the firearms royalize and proletarianize warfare?
2. How did the Printing Revolution effect a change in the society of Contemporary Europe?
3. Would you say that there was an Agricultural Revolution in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe?
4. Account for the success of Dutch Commercial Capitalism in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.
5. Make a Physiocratic and Laissez-faire critique of Mercantilism.
6. What were the defining features of Proto-Industrialisation? How did it progress in different European countries?
7. Describe the impact of 17<sup>th</sup> Century crisis on European society and economy.

### **Semester – IV**

### **CC – IX**

### **Module - I**

### **(Sources of Mughal History & Historiography)**

### **Objective Type (1 Mark) Questions**

1. Which Mughal Emperors penned autobiographies?
2. Which historian is believed to be the most authoritative one about the reign of Shah Jahan?
3. Who had authored Nuskha-i-Dilkhusa?
4. Who is Gulbadan Begum? Why she is still remembered?

### **Shortnote Type (5 Marks) Questions**

1. Which are the common shortcomings of Persian chronicles of the Mughal era?
2. Why is Badauni relevant for writing the history of Mughal rule under Akbar?
3. Which were the major historical works during the reign of Aurangzeb? Give a brief description of them.

### **Essay Type (10 Marks) Questions**

1. Make an assessment of Abul Fazl as a Historian. Which were his shortcomings?
2. What is your opinion about the methodology and objectivity of the Mughal Historians?

### **Semester – IV**

### **GE – IV**

### **Module(s) – III and IV**

### **(Expansion of Colonial Power upto 1857 and the Great Revolt of 1857)**

### **Objective Type (1 Mark) Questions**

1. What do you mean by Dastak?
2. Who succeeded Murshid Quli Khan as the Nawab of Bengal?
3. What was the main function of Naib Suba under Bengal Nawabs?
4. When was the battle of Wandiwash fought and who were the contesting parties?
5. Which parties signed the treaty of Mangalore?
6. When was the treaty of Salbai signed and between whom?
7. Who was Mangal Pandey?
8. Name two important centres of the Revolt of 1857 located in North India.
9. Who was the titular head of the rebels in the Revolt of 1857?
10. Who had described the Revolt of 1857 as India's First War of Independence?

### **Shortnote Type (5 Marks) Questions**

1. What do you mean by Subsidiary Alliance?
2. Who had devised the Doctrine of Lapse and how did it operate?
3. Describe in brief the Queen's proclamation of 1858.
4. Which role did Agency Houses play in the colonial economy?
5. What is the significance of private trade in Bengal?
6. Write a shortnote on the issue of greased cartridges.
7. Why was the Great Revolt concentrated in the Gangetic belt?

### **Essay Type (10 Marks) Questions**

1. Why did the English finally succeed over the French in India?
2. Why is it called that the battle of Buxar was more important than the battle of Plassey?
3. How would you explain the success of Haider Ali and the failure of Tipu Sultan?
4. Trace the circumstances leading to the grant of Diwani in Bengal. Analyse it's historical significance.
5. Explain the nature of uprising of 1857 in the light of various historical interpretations.
6. Why did the revolt of 1857 fail?

\* Questions mentioned are indicative and not exhaustive.