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Syllabus for Online Entrance Examination (OEE) for M. A. in History 2026

The Online Entrance Examination Pattern (2026) and Syllabus for Admission to the M. A. course at the Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University is as follows:

TOTAL 100 Marks = Part A + Part B

Part A - 20 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) based on Aptitude to be answered for 20 Marks.

20 MCQs- 1 Mark each

Part B- 40 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) based on History to be answered for 80 Marks.

40 MCQs - 2 marks each

Typical Multiple Choice Question EXAMPLE –

Q. The Encyclopaedia contributed to the French Revolution by –

Answer Choices –

- A. Informing the French Estates about the Revolutionary Plans
- B. Justifying the taxation system in France
- C. Increasing the Sale of Paper
- D. Democratization of Knowledge across the French population

Correct Choice of Answer – D

Syllabus for Part B: 40 Multiple Choice Questions

Unit I: Early Indian History (9 Questions)

- Sources – Sanskrit, Tamil, Prakrit and Pali, Foreign languages
- Harappan Civilisation – important sites, town planning, artefacts
- Vedic Period – texts, gods, rituals, early political formation, society
- Mahajanapadas and Magadha – polity, society, economy
- Buddhism and Jainism
- Satavahanas in history
- Early South Indian history

Unit II: Medieval Indian History (9 Questions)

- Sources – Persian, Indian languages, Foreign languages
- Delhi Sultanate – polity, administration, society, economy
- Mughal history – polity, administration, society, economy
- The Cholas
- Bahamani and Vijayanagar – administration, society, economy
- Deccani sultanates
- Bhakti and Sufi movements

Unit III: Maratha History (9 Questions)

- Sources for Maratha history
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- 17th century Maratha administration
- Maratha Confederacy
- End of Maratha rule

Unit IV: Modern Indian History (9 Questions)

- Beginning of British rule
- Land revenue settlements
- Socio-religious reform movements
- National movement
- Revolutionary movement
- Formation of the Muslim League
- Partition

Unit V: World History (4 Questions)

- Renaissance and Reformation
- French Revolution
- World War I
- World War II
- Cold War