

Syllabus for Online Entrance Examination in History

The Online Entrance Examination Pattern and Syllabus for the Online Entrance Examination in History for Admission to the MA course at the Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University is as follows:

Number of Questions to be answered: 40 (Forty)

Syllabus:

Unit I: Early Indian History – 9 questions to be answered from this unit.

Questions will broadly be based on the following:

- 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 to be answered from this unit.

Questions will broadly be based on the following:

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

Unit III: Maratha History – 9 questions to be answered from this unit.

Questions will broadly be based on the following:

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

Unit IV: Modern Indian History – 9 questions to be answered from this unit.

Questions will broadly be based on the following:

- 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 to be answered from this unit.

Questions will broadly be based on the following:

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

Questions will be based on the following books

- D.N. Jha – Ancient India / Concise History of Early India (available in Marathi and Hindi also)
- Satish Chandra – A History of Medieval India
- J.L Mehta – History of Medieval India
- A.R. Kulkarni – Medieval Maratha Country

- A.R. Kulkarni – Studies in Maratha History
- Shanta Kothekar, Suman Vaidya and Arjun Dev – World History (available in Marathi also)
- E. Sreedharan – A Textbook of Historiography
- Acharya Javadekar – Adhunik Bharat