HISTORY (027) Class XII 2024-25 MARKING SCHEME

Time Allowed: 3hrs Maximum Marks:80

	SECTION - A	21x1=21
	OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS	
1.	ANS- C- It witnessed the flourishing collection of ancient Tamil literature.	1
2.	ANS-B-Satvahana	1
3.	ANS-A- Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R)is the correct explanation of (A)	1
4.	ANS-C-I&II	1
5.	ANS- D. a- (ii) b- (iii) c- (i) d- (iv)	1
6.	ANS-D -Rudradaman	1
7.	ANS-A- Ajanta Cave Paintings	1
	NOTE: The following question is only for the visually impaired candidate in lieu of Q7	1
8.	ANS- B-Maharashtra ANS-B-Fluency in multiple languages and a broad intellectual curiosity.	1
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9.	ANS- B. Andal was a woman Nayanar, she incorporated the prevailing caste system in the society.	1
10.	ANS- D. An imperial decree granting land or privileges to a sacred organization.	1
11.	ANS- D. a-(ii) b- (i) c- (iv) d- (iii)	1
12.	ANS-B- The opening of the new world through voyages.	1
13.	ANS- B-By providing information on administrative and cultural traditions.	1
14.	ANS- B- The dominance of state-controlled resources and limitations on private property.	1
15.	ANS-B- India's cotton production increased while the United States experienced a decline.	1
16.	ANS-B- Due to the displacement of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah and taluqdars	1
17.	ANS- D. I, IV,III & II	1
18.	ANS- B-Freedom to cultivate the crops of their choice	1
19	ANS-A-USA	1
20	ANSWER- A. Nana Sahib	1

21.	ANS-B -Democracy, equality, and justice	1
	SECTION B	6 x 3 =18
22	SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS	3
22	A. Every house was connected to the street drains.i. The main channels were made of bricks set in mortar were covered with loose	3
	bricks that could be removed for cleaning.	
	ii. In some cases, limestone was used for the covers.iii. House drains first emptied into a sump or cesspit into which solid matter settled	
	while wastewater flowed out into the street drains.	
	iv. Very long drainage channels were provided at intervals with sumps for cleaning.	
	v. Any other relevant point	
	Any three points to be explained.	
	OR	
	B.	
	i. Historians have called the Harappans script as enigmatic.	
	ii. They have found that Harappan inscriptions are short, the longest containing	3
	about 26 signs.	
	iii. Although the script remains un deciphered to date, it was evidently not	
	alphabetical but syllable.	
	iv. It has just too many signs –somewhere between 375 and 400.	
	v. The script was written from right to left as some seals show a wider spacing on	
	the right and cramping on the left, as if the engraver began working from the	
	right and then ran out of space.	
	vi. Any other relevant point	
	Any three points to be explained.	
23	i.The Mahabharata incorporates stories, customs, and beliefs from various	3
	regions of the Indian subcontinent, reflecting the multicultural aspects of ancient	
	Indian society where different communities coexisted and interacted.	
	ii Variations in assial practices, such as marriage and rituals, as deniated in the	
	ii.Variations in social practices, such as marriage and rituals, as depicted in the	
	Mahabharata, highlight the dynamic nature of Indian society like polyandry, polygamy, exogamy, endogamy, etc.	
	polyganiy, exoganiy, endoganiy, etc.	
	iii.The epic illustrates the ongoing exchange between diverse communities,	
	including Brahmanas, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, and Shudras, as well as interactions	
	with tribal groups and other cultures. Ex – Hidimba, mlechchas, etc	
	With tribut groups and other saltares. Ex Thairiba, missingriae, etc	
	iv.These interactions enriched Indian society through the exchange of ideas and	
	cultural practices.	
	v.The Mahabharata portrays conflicts and consensus among different social	
	groups and ideologies.	
	vi.Communities adapted the epic to their cultural contexts, leading to diverse	
	versions and interpretations. Like V S Suthankar's preparation of critical edition.	
	vii.Any other relevant point	
	Any three points to be explained.	
24	A	3
	i. Bhakti and Sufi poets composed their verses in vernacular languages.	
	ii. This helped in the standardization and development of various regional	
	languages such as Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi, Urdu, and others.	

- iii. Both Bhakti and Sufi movements emphasized the universality of love, devotion, and spiritual experience, transcending linguistic, cultural, and religious boundaries.
- iv. Nayanar Alvars, Tamil Bhakti Tradition composed hymns praising Lord Shiva in Tamil. Their poems, Tevaram, and Naliyaradivyaprabhandham are revered for their devotional fervor and literary excellence.
 - v. Sufi Poetry, wrote verses expressing the depths of mystical love and spiritual longing.
 - vi. the Chishtis, particularly in Delhi, embraced the use of local languages like Hindavi to communicate with the common people, fostering a deeper connection with the masses.
- vii. Sufi saints like Baba Farid expressed their spiritual insights through verses composed in the local language, some of which were included in the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture of Sikhism.
- viii. Others, like Malik Muhammad Jayasi, utilized local languages to create allegorical love stories such as the Padmavat, symbolizing the journey of the soul towards divine love.
- ix. In Bijapur, Karnataka, Chishti Sufis crafted short poems in Dakhani.
- x. The lingayat vachanas of Kannada and the abhangs of Marathi saints from Pandharpur.
- xi. Guru Nanak Dev, Sikhism, composed hymns known as "Shabads" that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib. His verses convey messages of universal love, equality, and devotion to the divine.
- xii. Kabir, a mystic poet and saint, challenged social norms and religious dogmas through his verses in sant bhasha
- xiii. Mirabai composed bhajans and poems expressing her unconditional love and longing for the divine.
- xiv. Any other relevant point

Any three points to be explained.

OR

B.

- The poems of Appar, Sambandar and Sundarar form the Tevaram, a collection that was compiled and classified in the tenth century on the basis of the music of the songs.
- ii. These kings introduced the singing of Tamil Shaiva hymns in the temples under royal patronage, taking the initiative to collect and organise them into a text (Tevaram).
- iii. Sufi's ziyarat is the use of music and dance including mystical chants performed by specially trained musicians or qawwals to evoke divine ecstasy.
- iv. The Sufis remember God either by reciting the zikr (the Divine Names) or evoking His Presence through sama'(literally, "audition") or performance of mystical music. Sama' was integral to the Chishtis, and exemplified interaction with indigenous
- v. devotional traditions.
- vi. The message of Baba Guru Nanak is spelt out in his hymns and teachings. These suggest that he advocated a form of nirguna bhakti.
- vii. The fifth preceptor, Guru Arjan, compiled Baba Guru Nanak's hymns along with those of his four successors and other religious poets like Baba Farid, Ravidas (also known as Raidas) and Kabir in the Adi Granth Sahib. These hymns, called "gurbani", are composed in various languages.
- viii. Any other relevant point

Any three points to be explained.

25.	i. There was individual ownership of assets and deep inequities based on cast	e 3
20.	and gender distinctions.	
	ii. A group of powerful individuals decided the affairs of the village, exploited th	e
	weaker sections and had the authority to dispense justice.	
	iii. More importantly, a cash nexus had already developed through trade betwee	n
	villages and towns.	
	iv. In the Mughal heartland too, revenue was assessed and collected in cash	1.
	Artisans producing for the export market (for example, weavers) received the	ir
	advances or wages in cash, as did producers of commercial products lik	e
	cotton, silk or indigo.	
	v. Any other relevant point	
00	Any three points to be explained.	
26.	Describe the aspirations and objectives of the rebels during the Indian Rebellion of 1857, as reflected in their proclamations and actions?	3
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	i. The proclamations condemned the British for the annexations they ha	- I
	carried out and the treaties they had broken.	-
	ii. Condemned British land revenue settlements.	
	iii. Every aspect of British rule was attacked and the firangi accused of	of
	destroying a way of life that was familiar and cherished.	
	iv. The rebels wanted to restore that world.	
	v. The proclamations expressed the widespread fear that the British were ber	
	on destroying the caste and religions of Hindus and Muslims and converting	9
	them to Christianity.	
	vi. People were urged to come together and fight to save their livelihood, the	
	faith, their honour, their identity – a fight which was for the "greater publi good".	
	vii. The proclamations sought to unify all social groups in the fight against firance	ni
	raj.	"
	viii. Azamgarh proclamation	
	ix. Sepoy grievances like religious objections to the Enfield rifle cartridges, poo	r
	service conditions, and racial discrimination by British officers	
	x. Any other relevant point	
	Any three points to be explained.	
27.	i. During the late eighteenth century, while many zamindars faced crises,	
	group of affluent peasants, known as jotedars, were consolidating their power.	er
	in rural villages.	,
	 Jotedars, had amassed extensive landholdings, sometimes spanning severa thousand acres. 	11
	iii. Jotedars wielded significant influence over local trade and moneylending	,
	exerting immense control over poorer cultivators in the region.	''
	iv. A substantial portion of jotedars' land was cultivated through sharecropper	s
	(adhiyars or bargadars), who worked the fields with their own tools an	
	surrendered half the produce to the jotedars after harvest.	
	v. Unlike zamindars who often resided in urban areas, jotedars were situated i	n
	villages, allowing them direct control over a significant portion of the rura	al
	population.	
	vi. Jotedars fiercely resisted attempts by zamindars to increase village revenue	
	obstructed zamindari officials, mobilized dependent ryots, and deliberatel	У
	delayed revenue payments to zamindars.	,
	vii. In instances where zamindars' estates were auctioned due to revenue defaul	L,
	jotedars frequently became purchasers, further consolidating their authority.	

	viii.	Jotedars were particularly influential in North Bengal, although similar affluent	
		peasants and village headmen were emerging in other parts of Bengal, known	
		by different names such as haoladars, gantidars, or mandals.	
	ix.	The rise of jotedars inevitably weakened zamindari authority, shifting power	
		dynamics in rural Bengal.	
	X.	Any other relevant point	
	"	Any three points to be explained.	
		SECTION -C	3 x 8 =24
		LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS	TAGE 1
28.	Α.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	8
	i.	The emergence of influential thinkers such as Zarathustra in Iran, Kong Zi in	
		China, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle in Greece, and Mahavira and Gautama	
		Buddha in India marked a period of deep philosophical inquiry into the	
		mysteries of existence.	
	ii.	Relationship between humans and the cosmic order were discussed.	
	iii.	New kingdoms and cities were developing, and social and economic life was	
		undergoing significant changes in the Ganga valley.	
	iv.	Prompting these thinkers to also contemplate these societal transformations.	
	٧.	Pre-existing traditions, including the early Vedic tradition as known from the	
		Rigveda involved hymns praising deities like Agni, Indra, and Soma, often	
		chanted during sacrifices where people prayed for various blessings such as	
		cattle, sons and good health.	
	vi.	Sacrifices were collective affairs, but later some were performed individually	
	ļ ···	by household heads for the well-being of their families.	
	vii.	More elaborate rituals like the rajasuya and ashvamedha were conducted by	
	'	chiefs and kings, with Brahmana priests overseeing the ceremonies.	
	viii.	The Upanishads reflect a growing curiosity about the meaning of life, the	
	*****	possibility of life after death, and other profound existential inquiries.	
	ix.	These texts delve into metaphysical concepts and explore the nature of	
	1741	reality and human consciousness.	
	X.	Mahavira and the Buddha emphasised individual agency – suggesting that	
	,	men and women could strive to attain liberation from the trials and tribulations	
		of worldly existence.	
	xi.	Any other relevant point	
		any eight points to be explained.	
		OR	
	В.		8
	i.	Stupas were constructed at sites considered sacred due to their association	
		with the Buddha's life events or relics.	
	ii.	For example, stupas were built at Bodh Gaya, where the Buddha attained	
		enlightenment, and Sarnath, where he delivered his first sermon.	
	iii.	These sacred sites became centers of pilgrimage for Buddhists, drawing	
		devotees from distant regions.	
	iv.	Stupas often featured carvings, reliefs, or inscriptions depicting scenes from	
		the life of the Buddha.	
	٧.	Stupas contained Jataka tales.	
	vi.	Sanchi identify it as a scene from	
	vii.	The Vessantara Jataka stories of the Buddha's past lives, and important	
		events in Buddhist history.	

These artistic representations served as visual narratives that conveyed viii. Buddhist teachings to illiterate audiences. For example, the carvings on the at Sanchi like Wheels, Tree, Shailbhanjhika, Gajalakshmi, Serpents, etc. The architectural elements of stupas, such as dome representing the the İΧ. Buddha's enlightenment, and principles. Worshippers entered through the eastern gateway and walked around the X. mound in a clockwise direction keeping the mound on the right, imitating the sun's course through the sky. Sanchi, Amaravati, and Shahji-ki-Dheri Χİ. Any other relevant point χij. Any eight points to be explained. 29. Α. The city of Vijayanagara was enclosed by massive fortress walls, constructed i. without mortar or cementing agents, comprised several lines of forts encircling the city, agricultural hinterland, and forests. ii. Hiriya Canal, built by the kings of the Sangama dynasty, drew water from a dam across the Tungabhadra River and irrigated the cultivated valley separating the sacred center from the urban core. Kamalapuram Tank highlighted the city's water management system. iii. Royal Centre included over 60 temples and around thirty building complexes İ۷. identified as palaces. Mahanavami Dibba was a high platform with slots for wooden pillars, possibly ٧. used for royal gatherings or ceremonies. The "mahanavami dibba" was a massive platform associated with rituals during the Mahanavami festival. It featured relief carvings and may have supported a wooden structure. Lotus Mahal, located in the royal center may have served as a council ۷İ. chamber or meeting place for the king and his advisers. Hazara Rama Temple is believed to have been used exclusively by the king νii. and his family. Though the central shrine's images are missing, the sculpted panels on the walls depict scenes from the Ramayana, offering insights into the royal patronage of temple construction. Virupaksa Temple of Virupaksa and pampadevi underwent significant viii. enlargement during the Vijayanagar Empire. Krishnadeva Raya added a hall in front of the main shrine, adorned with delicately carved pillars, and constructed the eastern gopuram. Vitthala Temple featured various halls used for different purposes, including iΧ. hosting special programs of music, dance, and drama, celebrating divine weddings. Nagalapuram Χ. Any other relevant point χi. Any eight points to be explained. **OR** B. The Vijayanagara Empire flourished as a diverse cultural, linguistic, and religious traditions. i. It fostered a climate of cultural synthesis. The empire's architectural marvels, such as temples, palaces, and ii. fortifications, reflected a blend of indigenous Dravidian styles with influences

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the Vijayanagar Empire controlled trade routes and attracted merchants from

Its strategic location facilitated trade with Arab, Persian, and European

from neighbouring regions.

across the Indian Ocean region.

merchants, contributing to its economic prosperity.

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- v. The empire's control over vital trade routes and access to precious commodities such as horses, spices, textiles, and precious stones.
- vi. Within the polity, claimants to power included members of the ruling lineage as well as military commanders.
- vii. Their rule was characterised by expansion and consolidation.
- viii. They acquired Orissa and the Sultan of Bijapur
- ix. The kingdom remained in a constant state of military preparedness,
- x. It flourished under conditions of unparalleled peace and prosperity.
- xi. Krishnadeva Raya is credited with building some fine temples and adding impressive gopurams to many important south Indian temples.
- xii. He also founded a suburban township near Vijayanagara called Nagalapuram .
- xiii. Their fortifications surrounding the capital city, provided defence against external threats, ensuring the empire's territorial integrity and sovereignty.
- xiv. The Vijayanagar period witnessed a golden age of literature in languages such as Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, and Tamil, with prolific literary works, poetic compositions, and scholarly treatises produced during this era.
- xv. urban core with well-planned layouts, extensive irrigation networks
- xvi. their water management systems left a lasting legacy in the region.
- xvii. Rayas and nayaks their political innovation.
- xviii. The empire's architectural achievements like Royal Centre, Mahanavami Dibba, etc
- xix. Their Temple architecture, Virupaksha, Vitthala and Hazara Ram Temples.
- xx. Any other relevant point

Any eight points to be explained.

30. **A.**

- i. Different demands were made by the members of the Constituent Assembly concerning the rights of the people.
- ii. These demands, ideas, opinions were debated, discussed and conflicting idea were reconciled and then consensus was made to take collective decision.
- iii. Intense debate took place in assembly on the issue.
- iv. B. Pocker Bahadur gave powerful presentation for continuation minorities representation in the political system and in governance of the country.
- v. Sardar Patel strongly declared that separate electorate was a poison.
- vi. GB Pant said that all should empathise with the aspirations of people.
- vii. All these arguments were based on the unity of nation, where every individual is a citizen of a state, and each group had to be assimilated within the nation.
- viii. The Constitution will grant citizenship and rights, and in return citizens had to offer their loyalty to the state.
- ix. Communities could be recognized as cultural entities and. politically members of all communities are equal to the member of the state.
- x. NG Ranga welcomed all legal and civil rights granted by the constitution to its citizen but said these rights can only be enjoyed when suitable conditions or opportunities are provided.
- xi. Ranga also talked about huge gap between the masses of India and their representatives in the assembly.
- xii. Jaipal Singh a representative, a tribal, spoke about the need to protect the tribes and to make provisions that would help them come to the level of the general population.
- xiii. Any other relevant point

Any eight points to be explained.

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	OR	
	B.	8
	 i. Issue of division of power of the government at the centre and a was intensely debated. 	t state level
	ii. Draft constitution provided three lists of subject i.e. Union	
	government can make laws on it. State List, State governmen	
	laws on it and Concurrent List-Both Union and State governmen	it can make
	laws on listed items. iii. More items are listed in Union list.	
	iv. In India-Union government is made more powerful so that it	can ensure
	peace, security, and can coordinate on the matter of vital inte speak for whole country in the international sphere.	
	v. K Santhanam said reallocation of power was necessary, r strengthen the state but also the centre.	not only to
	vi. He said if centre is overburdened with responsibility, it could r properly. So it is important that some powers to the state transferred.	
	vii. He said states should be given appropriate fiscal provision so th work independently, and they do not need to depend on cent nominal expenditure.	1
	viii. The need for strong government had been further reinforced by of partition. Many leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, BR Gopalaswami Ayyangar etc advocated for strong centre.	
	ix. Balakrishna Sharma, a member from the United Province extensively that only a strong Centre could effectively plan welfare, mobilize economic resources, establish efficient adminis	for national
	defend against foreign threats. x. The Constitution exhibited a clear inclination towards the rights of India over those of its constituent states, reflecting a shift in prio by the time.	
	xi. Any other relevant point	
	Any eight points to be explained.	
	SECTION D	3x4=12
	Source Based Questions	
31.	Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that	follow:
_	 i. Palaeography helps scholars determine the age of inscriptions be the styles of writing used, allowing them to assign approximate of on changes in script over time. 	
	ii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be mentioned.	
II	 i. Inscriptions provide valuable insights into the achievements, ac beliefs of ancient societies and cultures. ii. helping historians reconstruct their history and social structures. 	
	iii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be explained.	
III	Studying the languages used in inscriptions provides insights in exchange, and linguistic evolution across different regions and time ii. It enriches our understanding of historical dynamics.	` ,
	iii. Any other relevant point Any two points to be explained.	

32 I	 i. Al-Biruni's proficiency in several languages allowed him to compare languages and translate texts, facilitating cross-cultural exchange and the dissemination of knowledge across different regions. ii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be explained. 	(1)
II	 i. By translating Patanjali's work into Arabic, Al-Biruni contributed to the preservation and transmission of knowledge from Indian culture to the Islamic world. ii. Enriching the understanding of grammar and linguistic principles. iii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be explained. 	
III	 i. Al-Biruni's translations fostered mutual understanding and appreciation between Islamic and Indian civilizations by facilitating the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and cultural practices. ii. This intellectual exchange enriched both traditions and promoted dialogue and cooperation between the two civilizations. iii. Any other relevant point Any two points to be explained. 	2
33. I	 i. Gandhi's mention of the "power of peace and non-violence" indicates his belief in the efficacy of nonviolent resistance to challenge and ultimately overcome British colonial oppression. ii. It reflects his strategic approach of using moral force to mobilize the masses and effect social and political change. iii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be explained. 	1
II	 i. Gandhi's critique of the salt tax resonates with broader movements for social justice and human rights by highlighting the systemic injustices embedded within oppressive structures of power. ii. It underscores the universal struggle against exploitation, discrimination, and inequality, emphasizing the importance of nonviolent resistance and collective action in challenging such injustices. iii. Any other relevant point Any one point to be explained. 	1
III	 i. Gandhi's reference to the destruction of salt by the government underscores the colonial exploitation of India's natural resources for profit and control. ii. It reflects a pattern of resource extraction that prioritized imperial interests over the well-being of the Indian populace, exacerbating socio-economic inequalities and hindering local development. iii. Any other relevant point Any two points to be explained. 	2
	SECTION E Map Based Question	1x5=5
34	A .	
	I. Sanchi– A Stupa II. Kalibanga - Indus Valley Site	1
	III. (a) Panipat-Territory Under the Control of Mughals OR	1
	(b) Vijayanagar- Capital of Vijayanagar empire	1
	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MAP	

B. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MAP	2
Note: The following questions are for the Visually Impaired Candidates only	
in lieu of Q.No.34 A. Montion any two Ruddhist citos in the Control India	
A. Mention any two Buddhist sites in the Central India.	
Sanchi, Bharhut , Bodh Gaya, Ajanta (ANY TWO)	
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B. (I) Mention any one Territory under Mughal empire.	
Dolhi Agra Baningt Ambar Aimar Labora Coa (ANV ONE)	
Delhi, Agra, Panipat, Amber, Ajmer, Lahore, Goa (ANY ONE)	1
OR	
(II) Name the capital of Vijayanagar empireVIJAYNAGAR	
(11) 14 (1) 15 (1	
(III) Mention any two centres of the Revolt of 1857.	2
Delhi, Meerut, Jhansi, Lucknow, Kanpur, Azamgarh, Calcutta, Banaras,	2
Gwalior, Jabalpur, Agra, Awadh (ANY TWO)	

