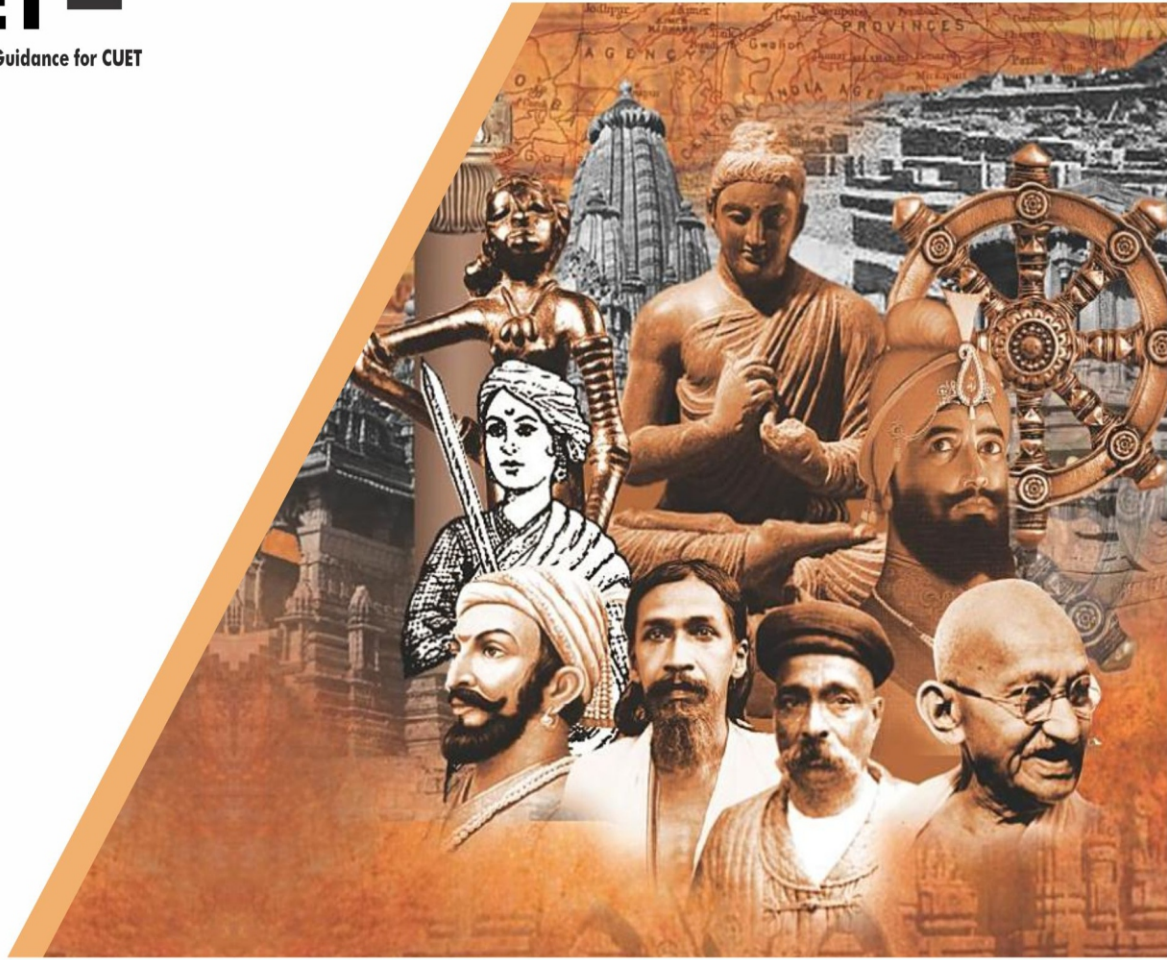




# Level Up — CUET —

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# CUET - 2023 HISTORY

# 1100+ QUESTIONS

# BASED ON CUET PATTERN

MODE: ONLINE

Syllabus for Class 12

Note:

There will be one Question Paper which will have 50 questions out of which 40 questions need to be attempted.

## HISTORY

### **Unit I: The Story of the First Cities Harappan Archaeology**

Broad overview: Early urban centres.

Story of discovery: Harappan civilization.

Excerpt: Archaeological report on a major site. Discussion: how it has been utilized by archaeologists/historians.

### **Unit II: Political and Economic History: How Inscriptions tell a story**

Broad overview: Political and economic history from the Mauryan to the Gupta period.

Story of discovery: Inscriptions and the decipherment of the script. Shifts in the understanding of political and economic history.

Excerpt: Asokan inscription and Gupta period land grant.

Discussion: Interpretation of inscriptions by historians.

### **Unit III: Social Histories using the Mahabharata**

Broad overview: Issues in social history, including caste, class, kinship and gender.

Story of discovery: Transmission and publications of the Mahabharata.

Excerpt: From the Mahabharata, illustrating how it has been used by historians.

### **Unit IV: A History of Buddhism: Sanchi Stupa**

Broad overview:

- (a) A brief review of religious histories of Vedic religion, Jainism, Vaisnavism, Saivism.
- (b) Focus on Buddhism.

Story of discovery: Sanchi stupa.

Excerpt: Reproduction of sculptures from Sanchi. Discussion: Ways in which sculpture has been interpreted by historians, other sources for reconstructing the history of Buddhism.

### **Unit V: Medieval society through Travellers' Accounts**

Broad Overview: Outline of social and cultural life as they appear in travellers' accounts.

Story of their writings: A discussion of where they travelled, why they travelled, what they wrote, and for whom they wrote.

Excerpts: from Alberuni, Ibn Batuta, Bernier.

Discussion: What these travel accounts can tell us and how they have been interpreted by historians.

### **Unit VI: Religious Histories: The Bhakti-Sufi Tradition**

Broad Overview:

- (a) Outline of religious developments during this period.
- (b) Ideas and practices of the Bhakti-Sufi saints.

Story of Transmission: How Bhakti-Sufi compositions have been preserved.

Excerpt: Extracts from selected Bhakti Sufi works.

Discussion: Ways in which these have been interpreted by historians.

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## Unit VII: New Architecture: Hampi

Broad Overview:

- (a) Outline of new buildings during Vijayanagar period — temples, forts, irrigation facilities.
- (b) Relationship between architecture and the political system.

Story of Discovery: Account of how Hampi was found.

Excerpt: Visuals of buildings at Hampi.

Discussion: Ways in which historians have analysed and interpreted these structures.

## Unit VIII: Agrarian Relations :The Ain-i- Akbari

Broad overview:

- (a) Structure of agrarian relations in the 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- (b) Patterns of change over the period.

Story of Discovery: Account of the compilation and translation of Ain-i-Akbari.

Excerpt: From the Ain-i-Akbari

Discussion: Ways in which historians have used the text to reconstruct history.

## Unit IX: The Mughal Court: Reconstructing Histories through Chronicles

Broad Overview:

- (a) Outline of political history c. 15th-17th centuries.
- (b) Discussion of the Mughal court and politics.

Story of Discovery: Account of the production of court chronicles, and their subsequent translation and transmission.

Excerpts: from the Akbarnama and Padshahnama .

Discussion: Ways in which historians have used the texts to reconstruct political histories.

## Unit X: Colonialism and Rural Society: Evidence from Official Reports

Broad overview:

- (a) Life of zamindars, peasants and artisans in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- (b) East India Company, revenue settlements and surveys.
- (c) Changes over the nineteenth century.

Story of official records : An account of why official investigations into rural societies were undertaken and the types of records and reports produced.

Excerpts: From Firminger's Fifth Report, Accounts of Francis Buchanan-Hamilton, and Deccan Riots Report.

Discussion: What the official records tell and do not tell, and how they have been used by historians.

## Unit XI: Representations of 1857

Broad Overview:

- (a) The events of 1857-58.
- (b) How these events were recorded and narrated.

Focus: Lucknow.

Excerpts: Pictures of 1857. Extracts from contemporary accounts.

Discussion: How the pictures of 1857 shaped British opinion of what had happened.

