



SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

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Syllabus for Online Entrance Examination for M. A. in History **2025**

The Online Entrance Examination Pattern (2025) 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) for Aptitude to be answered for 20 Marks.

20 MCQs- 1 Mark each

Part B- 20 +8 = 28 questions based on History to be answered for 80 Marks.

1) **20 MCQs** - 2 marks x 20 questions = 40 Marks

2) **8 descriptive questions** - 5 marks x 8 questions = 40 Marks

Syllabus for Part B:

Unit I: 04 MCQs and 02 descriptive questions

Early Indian History – Questions will be broadly 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: 04 MCQs and 02 descriptive questions

Medieval Indian History - Questions will be broadly 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: 04 MCQs and 02 descriptive questions to be answered from this unit.

Maratha History – Questions will be broadly based on the following:

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

Unit IV: 04 MCQs and 02 descriptive questions

Modern Indian History -Questions will be broadly 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:- 04 MCQs ONLY

World History - Questions will be broadly based on the following:

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

Typical Multiple Choice Question EXAMPLE –

Q. The Encyclopedia 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

Typical Descriptive Question EXAMPLE –

Q. Write a note on the Judicial Administration in 17th Century Maharashtra.

Answer in running text (NOT bullet points) should DESCRIBE the following points in about 250 words.

Answer-

- Contemporary Sources of information
- Multiple centers of judicial administration
- Jat Sabha, Dharma Sabha, Gota Sabha
- Judicial processes, texts, traditions
- Crime and punishments

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