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<b>Test-9 OPT-H-2409</b>	30 June, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-I</b>
<b>Test-10 OPT-H-2410</b>	07 July, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-II</b>
<b>Test-11 OPT-H-2411</b>	14 July, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-I</b>
<b>Test-12 OPT-H-2412</b>	21 July, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-II</b>
<b>Test-13 OPT-H-2413</b>	04 August, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-I</b>
<b>Test-14 OPT-H-2414</b>		<b>Full Length Paper-II</b>
<b>Test-15 OPT-H-2415</b>	18 August, 2024 (Sunday)	<b>Full Length Paper-I</b>
<b>Test-16 OPT-H-2416</b>		<b>Full Length Paper-II</b>

\*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.

**UPSC (2023) & Drishti IAS Mains Test Series (History Optional) Comparative Analysis**

**Paper 1**

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
2305 2305 2305 2311	6(c) 1(b) 3(a) 6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Rajput policy of Akbar not only resolved the long drawn conflict between the Rajputs and Mughal rulers but also helped Akbar in the consolidation of his empire. Examine.</li> <li>● Policy of Sulh-i-kul stemmed from Akbar's social maturity. Examine.</li> <li>● Din-i-ilahi was the crowning expression of Akbar's national idealism. Discuss.</li> <li>● Discuss the foreign policy of Akbar.</li> </ul>	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the nature of the Mughal State under Akbar.</li> </ul>	15
2301	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Account for the religious elements found in the Harappan civilization.</li> </ul>	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Indus-Saraswati cultural zone exhibited both homogeneity and diversity. Discuss.</li> </ul>	15
2311	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Give an account of the evolution of north Indian society in the light of the Vedic literature</li> </ul>	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How do the comparative study of languages, archaeological sources and vast corpus of Vedic literature help to determine the Aryan problem in Indian history? Discuss.</li> </ul>	15
2309	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "Sangam literature was a manifestation of both internal and external aspects of socio-cultural life of people." Comment.</li> </ul>	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How far the Sangam literature acts as a window into the social and cultural traditions of ancient South India</li> </ul>	20
2301 2301	7(c) 8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the nature of the Mauryan administration in light of Arthashastra.</li> <li>● Ashokan Dhamma significantly influenced the stability of the Mauryan empire. Examine.</li> </ul>	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analyze the contours of imperial ideology as exhibited during the Mauryan period.</li> </ul>	15

2302 2305 2305	4(a) 1(c) 4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While popularising the vernacular literature, the Bhakti movement dented the elitism of Sanskrit. Analyse.</li> <li>Kabir and Nanak played a crucial role in popularising Nirguna Bhakti. Discuss.</li> <li>How far and in what respects did Bhakti Saints influence contemporary north Indian society?</li> </ul>	4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the tenets, spread and impact of the Bhakti Movement.</li> </ul>	20
2311	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trace out the salient features of Chola temples.</li> </ul>	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How far temple architecture under the Cholas became more refined and grandiose as compared to the early South Indian temple architecture style?</li> </ul>	15
2306	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the emergence and features of Tantrism in Early India</li> </ul>	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it correct to say that the post-Gupta period was remarkable for the expansion of religious cults in India?</li> </ul>	15
2302 2306	1(b) 8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian literary evidence for urban decay is not strong in Early Medieval South India. Comment.</li> <li>Identify the causes that led to the emergence of feudalism in ancient India. Analyze the influence of feudalism on the socio-political system of India.</li> </ul>	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the various proponents of Indian feudalism.</li> </ul>	10
2311 2306	7(a) 6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the role of Sufi folk literature in the diffusion of Islam in India.</li> <li>Delineate the literary texts which were produced around Sufi khanqahs.</li> </ul>	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the importance of Sufic literature as an important source of history.</li> </ul>	10
2302 2309	1(e) 8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss in brief Alauddin's market regulation policy.</li> <li>Assess the impact of market reforms of Alauddin Khilji on contemporary economy and society.</li> </ul>	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motive of Alauddin Khalji's agrarian policy was to curb the powers of the intermediaries. Examine the measures which he adopted to achieve his objective.</li> </ul>	10
2315 2302	5(d) 4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write a short note on the 'blood and iron' policy of Balban.</li> <li>Balban's Concept of kingship differed from that of Alauddin Khilji. Discuss.</li> </ul>	6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why did Balban prefer 'consolidation' over 'expansion' of the Delhi Sultanate?</li> </ul>	15

2306 2315	7(b) 5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mughal painting illustrated the social milieu of their contemporary times. Analyse.</li> <li>Delineate the development of the Mughal painting during the reign of Jahangir.</li> </ul>	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What features of European paintings were incorporated in the Mughal miniature paintings?</li> </ul>	15
2315	8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delineate the Maratha policy of expansion.</li> </ul>	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Marathas posed a significant threat to the integrity of the Mughal Empire. Discuss.</li> </ul>	20
2316	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Haider was born to create an empire, Tipu to lose one." Analyse.</li> </ul>	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Haider Ali was born to build an empire, and Tipu Sultan to lose one". Comment.</li> </ul>	15
2305	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mughal Architecture witnessed the pomp and ruin of the Mughals likewise. Discuss.</li> </ul>	8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mughal architecture was syncretic in character. Comment.</li> </ul>	20
2305	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 18<sup>th</sup> Century was a century of chaos and decline. Critically analyse.</li> </ul>	8(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The economy of India was not stagnant in the eighteenth century. Discuss.</li> </ul>	15
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2311 2010	8(b) 2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debt Trap Theory in British India.</li> <li>Bring out the pattern of commercialization of agriculture in the 19th century.</li> </ul>	1(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Colonialism had a twisted logic of its own for commercialization. It emerges on analysis to have been often an artificial and forced process."</li> </ul>	10
2314	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the nature of peasant movements during the nationalist phase and bring out its shortcomings.</li> </ul>	1(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After 1857, "the peasants emerged as the main force in agrarian movements."</li> </ul>	10
2316	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the circumstances leading to the alliance between the Khilafat and Non Cooperation Movement.</li> </ul>	1(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Awakened political consciousness of Indian masses, bound with dishonourable and cowardly insults of the British led to the movement of Non-Cooperation."</li> </ul>	10

2312	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the factors responsible for the Civil Disobedience movement.</li> </ul>	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When Gandhiji launched the Civil Disobedience Movement he was "desperately in search of an effective formula."</li> </ul>	10
2303 2314 2303	3(a) 4(a) 5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political upheaval in South India were greatly responsible for Carnatic wars. Examine.</li> <li>Examine the circumstances which led to the Third Anglo Mysore War.</li> <li>The Treaty of Salbai</li> </ul>	2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Carnatic Wars, the Anglo-Mysore Wars and the Anglo-Maratha Wars had virtually eliminated the French from the context of supremacy in South India. Discuss.</li> </ul>	20
2304	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative councils established by the Indian Councils Act, 1861 possessed no real power. Examine.</li> </ul>	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While introducing the Indian Councils Bill of 1861, the British thought that the only Government suitable for India is a despotism controlled from home'. Comment.</li> </ul>	20
2303	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent evidence on deindustrialisation in India presents a more complicated picture than presented. Analyse.</li> </ul>	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you agree that 'the decline of traditional Indian artisan production was a fact, sad but inevitable'? Discuss.</li> </ul>	10
2303 2307 2310 2314	5(e) 5(d) 4(a) 4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santhal revolt denoted the struggle of disposed and exploited peasants and tribals.</li> <li>Colonialism transformed the tribals' relationship with the forest. Comment.</li> <li>Write a short note on the Eka movement.</li> <li>Analyze the nature of peasant movements during the nationalist phase and bring out its shortcomings.</li> </ul>	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The historical significance of tribal and peasant uprisings in India 'lies in that they established strong and valuable traditions of resistance to British rule'. Discuss.</li> </ul>	20
2303 2303	3(b) 7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influence of Press in the nationalist struggle was of great significance. Analyse.</li> <li>British Education Policy endorsed and supported differentiation in Indian society. Critically Analyse.</li> </ul>	3(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accomplish the aims of education, 'political propaganda and formation as well as propagation of nationalist ideology', the press became the chief instrument. Comment.</li> </ul>	10
2310 2303	3(b) 2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the nature of the Socio-Religious Reforms Movement in India during the 19th century.</li> <li>Discuss the socio-cultural movements ignited by Raja Rammohan Roy.</li> </ul>	4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The universalist perspective of socio-religious reform movements was not a 'purely philosophic concern; it strongly influenced the political and social outlook of the time'. Examine.</li> </ul>	20
2307 2307	2(b) 3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give an account of the rise and growth of leftism in the Congress movement.</li> <li>Discuss the nature of the leadership and programme of the Congress Socialist Party.</li> </ul>	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Congress Socialist Party agenda was not to cut off from the Congress, but 'intended to give the Congress and the national movement a socialist direction'. Analyse.</li> </ul>	20

2314	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “The American war of Independence transformed Europe as well as America.”</li> </ul>	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "The American War of Independence finally ended in 1783 when Britain acknowledged the independence of the United States of America."</li> </ul>	10
2314	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “The roots of the Chartist movement in Great Britain were partly political and partly economic.”</li> </ul>	5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "The Chartist Movement not only fulfilled some of the demands of the middle class, but its ramifications were felt among the working class and the colonies as well."</li> </ul>	10
2304	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The French Revolution of 1848 presented a unique change from the revolutions sweeping through the rest of Europe. Discuss.</li> </ul>	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "The Revolution of 1848 were shaped by the ideas of democracy and nationalism."</li> </ul>	10
2316	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trace the growth of British imperialism in South Africa from 1800 to 1907.</li> </ul>	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "The British imperialism in South Africa from 1867 to 1902 was influenced to a large extent by the capitalist mining of diamond."</li> </ul>	10
2304 2310	4(a) 5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the role of philosophers in French revolution.</li> <li>● “The French Revolution (1789) actually achieved far less than what it intended.”</li> </ul>	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The philosophers and thinkers may have laid the foundation of the French Revolution, but it was precipitated by social and economic reasons. Explain.</li> </ul>	20
2304	6(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Renaissance by the virtue of its intellectual currents ushered Europe to the modern age.</li> </ul>	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enlightenment was not confined to scientific revolution alone, but humanism and ideas of progress too were its inseparable constituents. Examine.</li> </ul>	10
2316	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “The contradictions of the Industrial Revolution (IR) were natural to its dynamics.” Analyse.</li> </ul>	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The impact of industrial revolution on the middle class world view is reflected in the views of Adam Smith, Thomas Malthus and Jeremy Bentham. Comment.</li> </ul>	20
2304	1(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What were the significant factors that led to the unification of Italy?</li> </ul>	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the different stages of the unification of Italy from 1848 to the occupation of Rome in 1870.</li> </ul>	20
2304 2310	1(e) 5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is it justified to blame Germany for both the world wars? Examine.</li> <li>● “The treaty of Versailles was a dictated treaty.”</li> </ul>	7(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The treaty of Versailles contained in itself the seeds of the Second World War. Examine.</li> </ul>	10
2305 2304	8(c) 5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Examine in detail the nature of World War II. Also bring out its positive outcome.</li> <li>● Enumerate the reasons for the establishment of the United Nations in the modern world?</li> </ul>	8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "UNO was necessity of the time when the World War II ended." Critically examine its achievements and shortcomings.</li> </ul>	20
2308 2310 2316	1(d) 8(b) 7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “Arab nationalism and oil - these were the principal factors in complicating the relations of middle eastern countries with the outside world.” Comment.</li> <li>● Trace the growth of Arab Nationalism after the First World War.</li> <li>● “Arab Nationalism was a reaction to Oil imperialism.” Discuss.</li> </ul>	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arab nationalism was not only a cultural movemnt, but also an anti-colonial struggle. Comment.</li> </ul>	10