

CUET PG 2026 Ancient Indian History Question Paper

Time Allowed :1 Hour 30 Minutes	Maximum Marks :300	Total Questions :75
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General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- The Question Paper consists of 75 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
- Total marks for the exam is 300.
- The total duration is 90 minutes; a timer on the screen will display the remaining time, and the exam will automatically submit when the time reaches zero.
- For every correct answer, 4 marks (+4) will be awarded to the candidate, and a 1 mark (-1) will be deducted for every incorrect answer.
- Question papers are available in both English and Hindi.

1. Which Harappan site is famous for its sophisticated water management system and a stadium?

- (A) Harappa
- (B) Mohenjo-daro
- (C) Dholavira
- (D) Kalibangan

2. Who is the author of the famous Sanskrit grammar book "Ashtadhyayi"?

- (A) Kalidasa
- (B) Panini
- (C) Patanjali
- (D) Chanakya

3. The "Saptanga Theory" of state was propounded by which ancient scholar?

- (A) Manu
- (B) Kautilya
- (C) Megasthenes
- (D) Panini

4. Which Mauryan ruler is associated with the Bhabru Edict and the spread of Buddhism?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
- (B) Bindusara

- (C) Ashoka
 - (D) Dasharatha
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5. The "Prayag Prashasti" (Allahabad Pillar Inscription) describes the conquests of which ruler?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (B) Ashoka
 - (C) Samudragupta
 - (D) Harshavardhana
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6. Which Chinese traveler visited India during the reign of Harshavardhana?

- (A) Fa-Hien
 - (B) Hiuen Tsang
 - (C) I-Tsing
 - (D) Sung Yun
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7. In the Vedic period, the term "Gavisthi" referred to what type of activity?

- (A) Agricultural activity
 - (B) Religious ritual
 - (C) Cattle raid or war
 - (D) Trade activity
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8. The Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram was built by which South Indian dynasty?

- (A) Cholas
 - (B) Cheras
 - (C) Pallavas
 - (D) Pandyas
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9. Which Buddhist Council was held during the reign of Kanishka in Kashmir?

- (A) First Buddhist Council
 - (B) Second Buddhist Council
 - (C) Third Buddhist Council
 - (D) Fourth Buddhist Council
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10. The concept of "Dhamma" was popularized through inscriptions by which emperor?

- (A) Chandragupta Maurya
- (B) Bindusara

- (C) Ashoka
 - (D) Samudragupta
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11. Which ancient university was established by the Gupta ruler Kumara Gupta I?

- (A) Takshashila
 - (B) Nalanda
 - (C) Vikramashila
 - (D) Vallabhi
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12. The Ajanta Caves are primarily associated with which religious tradition?

- (A) Hinduism
 - (B) Jainism
 - (C) Buddhism
 - (D) Zoroastrianism
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13. What was the name of the gold coins issued during the Gupta Period?

- (A) Dinar
 - (B) Tanka
 - (C) Karshapana
 - (D) Nishka
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14. Which Sangam assembly text is known as the "Bible of the Tamil Land"?

- (A) Tolkappiyam
 - (B) Silappadikaram
 - (C) Manimekalai
 - (D) Tirukkural
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15. The "Lothal" site of the Indus Valley Civilization served as what type of facility?

- (A) Religious center
 - (B) Military fort
 - (C) Dockyard/port
 - (D) Agricultural settlement
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