

ISC Class 12 • History

Important Questions 2027

Most repeated questions from the last few years of board and sample papers, grouped chapter-wise.

Towards Independence and Partition (1939-1947)

1. Briefly discuss any two reactions of each of the following to the proposals of the Cabinet Mission Plan. (1) Congress (2) Muslim League

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2. In 2017, the 75th Anniversary of a historic Indian Movement was commemorated. Identify the movement. (a) The JP Movement (b) The Quit India Movement (c) The Civil Disobedience Movement (d) The Movement for Women's Rights

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3. State any four significant reasons for the acceptance of the terms of the Mountbatten Plan by the Congress.

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4. The Cripps Proposals for the first time proposed the formation of a Constituent Assembly. In the light of the above statement, enumerate any four proposals of the Cripps Mission.

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5. Elucidate any four reasons that led to the failure of the Cripps' Mission and eventually, to the Quit India Resolution.

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6. Name the resolution that the All India Congress Committee passed on the 8th August, 1942. Why did Gandhi demand complete freedom immediately?

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7. Discuss any four steps taken by Subhash Chandra Bose to revive and reorganise the Indian National Army after taking over as its Supreme Commander.

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8. The provinces of Punjab and Bengal were to be divided between India and Pakistan. Which one of the following Plans proposed this division? (a) The Mountbatten Plan (b) The Cabinet Mission Plan (c) The Cripps Mission Plan (d) The August Offer

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9. State any four major proposals of the Cabinet Mission Plan.

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Establishment of Indian Democracy (1947-1966)

10. Name the activist who died after a fifty-six day hunger strike demanding the creation of a Telugu-speaking state.

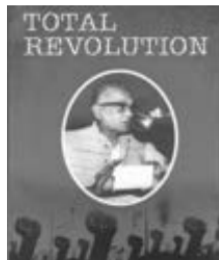
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11. The first Lok Sabha election in India was held on the principle of _____.

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Development of Indian Democracy (1964-1977)

12. [context: cover page of the book 'Total Revolution'] The image given below shows the cover page of the book Total Revolution. Name the author who spearheaded the Movement referred to on the cover page of the book.



(Source: www.exoticindiaart.com)

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13. Who among the following Prime Ministers prioritised self-reliance and is still remembered for the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan"? (a) Jawaharlal Nehru (b) Indira Gandhi (c) Morarji Desai (d) Lal Bahadur Shastri

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14. One important feature of the General Elections of 1967 was the rise of opposition parties. Which one of the following parties emerged as the main opposition party in India? (a) Socialist Party (b) Swatantra Party (c) Bharatiya Jan Sangh (d) Communist Party of India (Marxist)

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026

15. Who was the author of The Historic Eight Documents?

Seen in: Board 2024, 2026

16. The Naxal Movement in India began in the 1960s as a left-wing extremist movement, primarily driven by socio-economic issues. In this context, explain any four causes for the rise of the Naxal Movement.

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Changing Face of Indian Democracy (1977-1986)

- 17.** In 1979, AASU and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) began a series of protests across Assam. The educational institutions in the state remained shut for a long time. Periodic strikes at times turned violent. This was the start of a six-year agitation led by students. (Source: Economic Times Archive) Based on the above report, state any four reasons for the agitation.

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- 18.** [context: photograph of the trio of Janata government leaders awaiting the swearing-in at Rashtrapati Bhawan, 1977] Which one of the following BEST describes the reason for the Janata government's short-lived tenure? (a) Struggle for power and control among the leaders of the Janata government (b) Disagreements within the Janata government on foreign policy. (c) Ideological differences within the Janata government over economic policies. (d) Conflicting views on social welfare programmes.



(Source: www.timescontent.timesgroup.com)

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- 19.** For the first time since independence, the Congress party was defeated in the elections of 1977 and a new party came into power at the Centre. In this context, discuss any four measures adopted by the newly established non-Congress government to restore the civil liberties of the people of India.

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India's Foreign Policy

- 20.** On 4th April 1959, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced in Parliament that the Dalai Lama had crossed into Indian territory and had been granted political asylum in India. State any one impact this event had on the Indo-Sino ties in 1959.

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21. [context: news extract 'Indian Troops Rolling Back Kashmir Rebels ... State's Accession to Union Accepted', October 1947] Which war is being referred to in the image of the news extract given below? Briefly explain any three causes of this war.



Source: www.timesnownews.com

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22. Mention the most important territorial gain made by China in the Sino-Indian war of 1962.

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23. Discuss any four consequences of the Indo-Pak War of 1971.

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Movements for Women's Rights

24. The Stree Sangharsh Organisation launched a campaign against the prevailing social evils of:
(P) Dowry (Q) Gender Discrimination (R) Child marriage (S) Domestic violence (a) Only (R) and (S) (b) Only (Q) and (R) (c) Only (P) and (Q) (d) Only (P) and (S)

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25. Discuss any eight features of the Towards Equality Report of 1974.

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World War II

26. Which one of the following battles during the Second World War proved to be a turning point in the fight for control of the Pacific? (a) Stalingrad (b) El Alamein (c) Midway Island (d) Battle of Britain

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27. Appeasement as a diplomatic policy was followed by Britain and France with the objective of:
(a) avoiding war with aggressive nations at any cost. (b) encouraging economic cooperation for mutual benefit. (c) checking the spread of communism in western Europe. (d) establishing friendly relations with the neighbouring countries.

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28. One of the primary reasons for the outbreak of the Second World War was the policy of Appeasement followed by Britain and France. Give any four reasons to explain why these two nations adopted the policy of Appeasement.

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29. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour brought the _____ into the War and made it worldwide in scope.

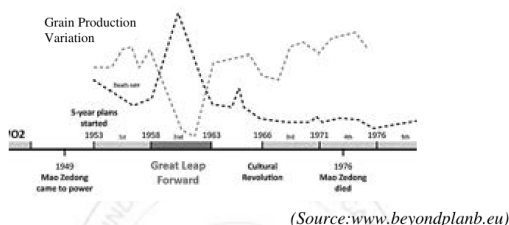
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30. The union of Austria with Germany (March 1938) was among one of Hitler's greatest achievements before the outbreak of the Second World War. Discuss any four developments, other than the one referred to above, to show how Hitler achieved his objective of making Germany a great power again.

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De-colonisation: China, Ghana and Kenya

31. [context: graph of grain production and death rate in China during the Great Leap Forward]
The graph given below indicates the production of grain during the Great Leap Forward in China. With reference to the above graph, explain the main features of the Commune system during the Great Leap Forward. Why was there such a sharp spike in the death rate as indicated in the graph above?



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32. 'Kwame Nkrumah was both a visionary and a victim of his own ideals.' In this context, evaluate any four reasons for Nkrumah's overthrow by a military coup in 1966.

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33. Examine the role of Jomo Kenyatta with reference to any four steps taken by him during Kenya's struggle for independence.

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Cold War (1945-1991)

34. State the immediate impact of the collapse of Communism in East Europe (October 1990) on the future of Germany.

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- 35.** Which country's takeover by the Communists destroyed the 'bridge' between the East and West Europe and completed the 'iron curtain'?

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- 36.** In the brief period between August 1988 and December 1991, communism in Eastern Europe was dramatically swept away. In this context, discuss any four events leading to the downfall of communism in East Germany.

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- 37.** [context: cartoon showing 'Europe' climbing a cliff on a rope labelled 'Marshall Plan'] Given below is a cartoon on the Marshall Plan. With reference to the cartoon, briefly discuss any four significant features of the Marshall Plan.



Source (edited): www.bridgemanimages.com

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- 38.** Enumerate any four drawbacks of Gorbachev's policy of Perestroika that eventually led to the collapse of the Soviet Union (1985).

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Protest Movements: Civil Rights, Anti-Apartheid and Feminism

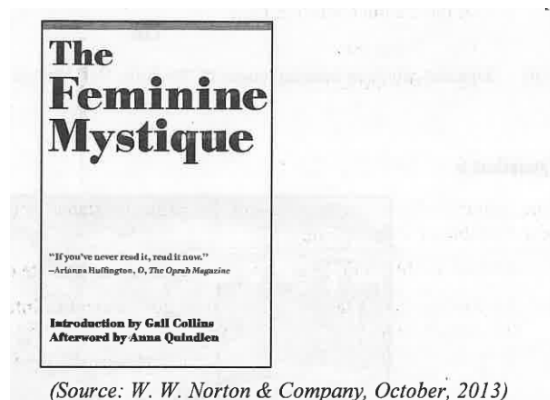
- 39.** [context: photograph of a Civil Rights leader (Martin Luther King Jr.)] With reference to the Civil Rights Movement in the US, identify the activist leader shown below. Discuss any three contributions of this activist leader.



Source: www.thesun.co.uk

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40. [context: cover of the book *The Feminine Mystique*] Name the author of the book shown above. Explain any three ways in which it sparked off the Second Wave of American Feminism in the 20th century.



(Source: W. W. Norton & Company, October, 2013)

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41. Mention any one provision of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that impacted the status of women in America.

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42. State any two features of Apartheid and its implementation by the South African government. Mention any two reasons to explain why it led to widespread protests by the black Africans in the country.

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43. President F.W. Klerk decided to end Apartheid and gradually move South Africa towards black majority rule. In this context, discuss any four steps taken by Klerk to achieve his objectives peacefully.

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44. The author of the book *Feminine Mystique* was: (a) Gloria Steinem (b) Maya Angelo (c) Betty Friedan (d) Angela Davis

Seen in: Board 2023 · Sample 2023

45. Evaluate the impact of the Feminist Movement on the status of women in the USA.

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Middle East: Israeli-Palestine Conflict (1916-1993)

46. The Egyptian President Colonel Nasser was aggressively in favour of Arab unity and independence. In this context, discuss any four hostile measures adopted by him to counter the increasing Anglo-French control of the Suez Canal.

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47. To resolve the Israel-Palestine conflicts, some serious attempts were made towards peace settlements of contentious issues. In this context, discuss four significant terms of the Camp David Accord (1979).

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48. The world Zionist Movement raised the demand for restoration of _____ to the Jewish people.

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49. What is meant by the term Intifada in the context of the Israeli-Palestine conflict?

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