



Acknowledgement

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Questions

1. Describe the architecture of different places you have lived in?
2. Do you know about sites that received the UN intangible cultural heritage sites tag recently from India?
3. What do you mean by traditional medicine? What can be done to improve the acceptance of traditional methods like Ayurveda and Homeopathy?
4. Is PS-1 movie based on true story? Explain about Chola empire?
5. Is there any intangible cultural heritage in your place?
6. Give chronology of the different dynasties in India. Give examples of surviving architectural monuments of these dynasties
7. Is there any historical significance to your place?
8. Why is your place(or a place in your DAF) important in the independence movement?
9. Consider some foreign delegates approaching you: How would you explain to them about Ramakrishna Paramahansa?
10. Do you really believe that service to human is service to god? What all services have you done to humanity?
11. Name one thing which we have to learn from history and its relevance in today's administration
12. What are the famous temples in Tamilnadu? Tell me something about Mahabalipuram?
13. How do we classify our history? What is the criteria for demarcating a period as modern India?
14. Who were the early Britishers to come to India?
15. What are the different schools of history?
16. Should we pay attention to different perspectives or just focus on what an individual thinks with regards to history?
17. History has always been written by the winners: What is your opinion on the same?
18. History repeats itself. Give examples
19. What we can learn from history? Should we rewrite our history? Which period of history do you want to rewrite and why?
20. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom, and knowledge and information?
21. Read about artforms, architecture and history of your place. This can help in answering question like what is special about your place, Tourist attractions of your place, History of the place you are from and the name of it.
22. What architectural wonder does Bibi ka Maqbara resemble?

23. What do you mean by Chaityabhoomi and Dikshabhoomi?
24. Can you tell me about some freedom fighters from Maharashtra?
25. Arabs could not establish an empire in India, but Turks could. Why is this so?
26. Do you think History has changed in the recent years? What has changed? What do you think will change in future about History?
27. What is the most important lesson that you think you have learnt as a student of History?
28. Buddha left his wife and son in the middle of the night, yes he got liberation but wasn't this wrong? I want to know your perspective on this.
29. What is the relevance of Buddhism in present world? After destruction of famous universities like Nalanda how were we educated in the medieval times?
30. America got independence using military methods. Why did India not follow that path? What was the time gap between American independence and 1857 Revolt. Do you think it is sufficient time for technology to evolve? Don't you think technology is evolving slowly these days?
31. Why were Marathas, a major power in 18th century defeated by the British?
32. Is history static or dynamic?
33. Tell us about some Women freedom fighters from India who chose militant way of fighting?
34. Why couldn't we succeed in the 1857 revolt?
35. Can you brief about the partition of Bengal?
36. What was the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Indian history. Why couldn't we integrate Kashmir at the time of independence?
37. Compare the temples of north india and south india. Which is better in terms of architecture?
38. What is Subaltern History?
39. What is Intangible Cultural Heritage?
40. What is Bhakti movement? Who were the leaders of Bhakti movement in north and south?
41. What role did songs play in the freedom struggle?
42. Was Mahatma Gandhi a balanced leader?
43. What is the significance of your district in Mahabharata?
44. Which is the famous Battle happened in your district?
45. Who was Banda Bahadur?
46. There was a freedom fighter who used to write letters to her daughter from jail. Can you name the father and the daughter?
47. What do we learn from medieval history of Rajasthan?
48. Should we keep our history books unchanged or should we update them? Why is history becoming an area of contention?
49. Why do some empires sprout and disappear soon?
50. Should mercenaries' history be included in historical studies?
51. What are the contribution of Mahmud Gawan?
52. Who was born in Basavakalyan?
53. Who is an activist? Was Mahatma Gandhi an activist?
54. Who is your favourite modern Indian historian and why?
55. What were the specific reasons for British granting India Independence in 1947?
56. What is the difference between History, Mythology and a story?
57. Why are periods of history classified based on wars, and not based on lasting periods of peace?
58. Is it true that South Indian History is neglected by our History writers?
59. What is Gond art?
60. What are the Contributions of Raja Ravi Varma? What are the social significances of his work?
61. Name a famous philosopher from kerala? Have you been to Kalady?

62. What is a philosophy? Can you call all people who preach their religious ideologies as philosophers? If no, why? How can something be a philosophy?
63. Should we write a uniform history or give allowance to have regional histories like history of North East or history of South India?
64. What do you know of Chanakya? What was mandal siddhanta?
65. Where is Hornbill festival held? Why the Hornbill festival celebrated?
66. Should we forget history and move on?
67. Tell me two philosophies of Gandhiji that you don't agree with?
68. Gandhiji talked about non-violence. But his act of fasting was the greatest violence. Do you agree?
69. Did we forcefully get the instrument of accession signed in the case of Kashmir?
70. Why is Nalanda important? When was it active?
71. Tell me something about Self Respect movement.
72. What is special about Thanjavur?
73. What was Gandhi's idea of rural development and why did he insist on it?
74. What was the Lucknow Pact?
75. Why is Buddhism confined to the Himalayan region at present? When did Buddhism spread to other countries?
76. What is culture according to you? Can language be considered as part of culture? What can be done to promote local languages which are being lost.
77. Can you name the 16 janapadas?
78. Name some freedom fighters from the North Eastern region?
79. Why did Siddhartha leave home? If everyone leaves home in the name of Maya, how will this world function?
80. What was the name of Gautam Buddha during his childhood?
81. What is so special about GI tags? How will GI tags promote income?
82. Which are the different sects of Buddhism and their basic difference?
83. Why universities like Nalanda, Takshila, Vikramshila were important at ancient times? What is their current status?
84. What are the contributions of Chalukyas in art and architecture?
85. What are the contributions of Vijayanagara in art and architecture?
86. Tell us about the battles that took place at Plassey and their impact
87. What is your opinion on Macaulay education system?
88. Tell me in brief about 1857 revolt. Was 1857 revolt really the 1st war of independence? What were the reasons for its limited reach and impact?
89. Tell me five big events in Indian history which has changed the course of India ?
90. Do you think Mauryan empire fell due to Ashokan dhamma policy?
91. Name some UNESCO world heritage sites. What is the full form of UNESCO?
92. Why Cripps mission came to India?
93. Between Jinnah and Ambedkar who was the better jurist?
94. Do you know about some new historical discovery in Southern India?
95. What is your opinion on weaponization of history?
96. What is your opinion on statue of unity? Where is it? Was it a good move to build it? How is it faring now?
97. What are the social changes that have taken since independence?
98. What are the positives of british rule? which british governor general made lot of contribution to Judiciary
99. Can you name some medieval time travellers and their books?
100. Tell me three socio cultural reform movements in India in the last 100 years
101. In last 500 years which event do you think was important of which its impact can be experienced even today?
102. Why did the Britishers come to India? How did they succeed?

103. Who was William Jones? What was his contribution? Who were other Britishers/Europeans who were sympathetic to Indians? What did Ripon do? Did Ripon enacted Vernacular Press Act or ended it?
104. Where is Hampi? Who were the rulers?
105. What do you know about Poona pact?
106. What was Vivekananda's ideology?
107. What you think, whether battle of Panipat was it defeat of strategy or defeat of diplomacy?
108. What was the role of revolutionaries in Modern Indian history?
109. What are the reasons for the decline of Buddhism? Is Buddhism becoming foreign to us?
110. Why RRR has been such a success across the world?
111. Tell me about some traditional paintings of India.
112. Which is considered to be the golden period of Indian history?
113. Why only Mahatma Gandhi is referred as father of the nation? Why not anyone else? Who gave him the title Mahatma?
114. Do you think history is biased? Do you think history is dead?
115. When did Jallianwala Bagh happen? Describe the Jallianwala Bagh case? Who was the British officer that ordered to fire?