

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

Question Pattern for MA History Admission Test

- Two essay type questions of 25 Marks each.
- Three short notes of 6 marks each
- Three brief questions of 4 marks each.
- 10 MCQ of 2 marks each.

Therefore:

$$2 \times 25 = 50$$

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

Total: 100 marks

SYLLABUS FOR M.A ENTRANCE TEST IN HISTORY

1. Prehistoric and Ancient India: Major themes, issues and debates
2. Early Medieval India: Themes and debates in politics, economy, society and culture
3. India during the Mughals-- Historiography; nature of polity, economy, religion during the reign of Akbar and Aurangzeb; Jagirdari Crisis; Peasant Revolts.
4. The 18th Century Debate.
5. The ideological conflict of the nineteenth and twentieth century Bengal- The reformers, The radicals, the conservatives.
6. Main currents of Indian historiography- Nationalist, Cambridge, Marxist, Subaltern; Post-Modernist Trends: What is postmodernism? Introductory concepts.
7. Western Political Thoughts: Concepts and Ideas
8. Gandhian Mass Movements.
9. Voice of dissents- Role of peasants, labours, Dalit and Women in Indian Nationalism.
10. The French Revolution.
11. Industrial Revolution in Europe.
12. The idea of Socialism and the Socialists- Utopian and Scientific.
13. International Relations up to 1945