

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

Question Pattern for MA History Admission Test - 2026

- A. Two essay-type questions of 25 marks each. Out of Four options.
- B. Five short notes of 6 marks each. Out of Seven options.
- C. Ten MCQ of 2 marks each. Out of Twelve options.

Therefore-

$$2 \times 25 = 50$$

$$5 \times 6 = 30$$

$$10 \times 2 = 20$$

Total: 100 marks

SYLLABUS FOR M.A ENTRANCE TEST IN HISTORY

.Prehistoric and Ancient India: Major themes, issues and debates

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