

TEST NAME: 102 - GENERAL

INDIAN HERITAGE:

Fundamental unity of Indian Culture Harappan and Vedic Culture Evolution of Caste System - Jainism and Buddhism - Gandhara Art. Political unification of India under Mauryas and Guptas. Cultural achievements. Cultural conditions under the Satavahanas. Contribution of Pallavas and Cholas to Art and letters, Chola Administrative System. Influence of Islam on Indian culture - The Sufi, Bhakti and Vishnavite movements Cultural achievements of Vijayanagara rulers. Contribution of Shershah and Akbar to the evolution of administration system in India - Cultural Development under Mughals. Western Impact on India - Introduction of Western Education-Social and Cultural awakening and social reform movements-Raja Ram Mohan Roy - Dayananda Saraswathi - Theosophical Society - Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Vivekananda - Iswarachandra Vidyasagar and Veeresalingam - Emancipation of women and struggle against caste. Rise of Indian Nationalism - Mahatma Gandhi - Non-violence and Satyagraha-Eradication of untouchability – Legacy of British Rule.

INDIAN CULTURE:

- 1) (a) On the nature of Culture: Meaning, Definition and various interpretations of culture.
(b) Culture and its salient features.
- 2) The Vedic - Upanishadic Culture and society, Human aspirations in those societies- Values- Chaturvidha purusharthas - Chaturvarna theory-Chaturasrama theories.
- 3) The culture in Arth Sastra, Kautliyas conception of the State, Religion and King.
- 4) Culture in Ramayana and Mahabharatha. a) The Ideal Man and Woman. b) Concepts of Maitri, Karuna, Seela, Vinaya, Kshama, Santi Anuraga- as exemplified in the stories and anecdotes of the Epics.
- 5) a) The culture of Jainism Jain conception of soul, Karma and liberation. b) Buddhism as a Humanistic culture, The four noble truths of Buddhism;
- 6) Vedanta and Culture: Religion and Ethical practices: The Hindu view.

Current Affairs: Regional, National & International Events - Who's who - Sports - Books - Awards - Honors.

General Knowledge: Social studies up to 10th class Level-Inventions-Discoveries-Capital Cities-Abbreviations Social.

Problems (Corruption, Beggary, Casteism)-Verbal & Analytical Reasoning.
