

Entrance Examination in History

TEST 2024

To be completed within 120 minutes

Variant 1

Part I

Please select one correct answer.

1. The first states on Earth emerged during:

- 1) The Paleolithic Period
- 2) The Mesolithic Period
- 3) The Neolithic Period
- 4) The Eneolithic Period

2. When did Southern Mesopotamia come together under the rule of King Hammurabi?

- 1) In the 4th millennium BCE
- 2) At the beginning of the 2nd millennium BCE
- 3) At the end of the 2nd millennium BCE
- 4) In the 1st millennium BCE

3. The events described in the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur unfold:

- 1) In Pylos
- 2) On the island of Thera
- 3) In Mycenae
- 4) On the island of Rhodes
- 5) On the island of Crete

4. Between the end of the 1st century BCE and the 1st century CE, the Roman state underwent a transformation:

- 1) From tsarism to empire
- 2) From tsarism to republic
- 3) From empire to republic
- 4) From republic to empire

5. Which scholar's name is associated with the concepts of "algorithm" and "logarithm"?

- 1) Al-Khwarizmi
- 2) Al-Farabi
- 3) Ibn Sina
- 4) Al-Biruni
- 5) Haidar Dughlat

6. The Hussites achieved victories over the Crusader armies because:

- 1) They sought to capture the spoils of war.
- 2) They employed new combat tactics.
- 3) They had a mercenary army.

4) They used crossbows.

7. Which of the following events is NOT related to the period of French Wars of Religion (1562–1598)?

- 1) St. Bartholomew's Day
- 2) The summoning of the Estates General
- 3) The assassination of Henry III
- 4) The adoption of the Edict of Nantes

8. Which event took place earlier than others?

- 1) The formation of the Ming Empire
- 2) The discovery of Cape of Storms (Good Hope) by Bartolomeu Dias
- 3) The defeat of the Khazar Khaganate
- 4) The emergence of the Arab state

9. When did Pope Gregory XIII introduce the new Gregorian calendar?

- 1) 1480
- 2) 1520
- 3) 1570
- 4) 1354
- 5) 1582

10. What consequences did the sakoku (self-isolation) policy have for Japan?

- 1) It accelerated the development of trade.
- 2) It helped Japan maintain its state independence.
- 3) It contributed to the rapid development of Japanese economy.
- 4) It provided an impetus to the development of Japan's technical advantages.

11. Who is the author of St. Matthew Passion, a grandiose piece of music for choir, soloists, and orchestra?

- 1) Jean-Antoine Houdon
- 2) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- 3) Johann Sebastian Bach
- 4) Pierre-Augustin Beaumarchais

12. Ned Ludd's name is associated with:

- 1) The invention of the power loom
- 2) The first mass movement of workers
- 3) The emergence of a new religion
- 4) The advent of the steam engine

13. When was the first constitution of the Ottoman Empire adopted by Abdul Hamid V?

- 1) 1870
- 2) 1875
- 3) 1889
- 4) 1876

14. What was the reason for the rapid economic growth of the United States at the end of the 19th century?

- 1) The arms race
- 2) A narrow domestic market
- 3) Mass migration from Europe to the US
- 4) Encouragement of large monopolies by the state

15. Which states sided with Germany during World War I?

- 1) Bulgaria and Turkey
- 2) Turkey and the USA
- 3) Romania and Bulgaria
- 4) The USA and Finland

16. Great Britain's participation in the Munich Conference (1938) indicated that it pursued the following policy:

- 1) Pacifism
- 2) Splendid Isolation
- 3) Big Stick Policy
- 4) Appeasement

17. What was the first work of art revealing the dangers of fascism to humanity?

- 1) *In Search of Lost Time* by Marcel Proust
- 2) *The Castle* by Franz Kafka
- 3) *Guernica* by Pablo Picasso
- 4) *Ulysses* by James Joyce
- 5) *Fiesta* by Ernest Hemingway

18. Which politician initiated the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution policy in China?

- 1) Deng Xiaoping
- 2) Mao Zedong
- 3) Sun Yat-sen
- 4) Chiang Kai-shek

19. What was the main cause of the world economic crisis in 1974–1975?

- 1) Depletion of oil reserves worldwide
- 2) Assistance provided to countries under the Marshall Plan
- 3) Confrontation between socialism and capitalism
- 4) Exhausted opportunities for extensive development

20. Which of the following was NOT one of reasons for the bombing of Yugoslavia by NATO forces in 1999?

- 1) Yugoslavia's refusal to withdraw its armed and police forces from Kosovo
- 2) Serbian invasion of Croatia
- 3) The ruthless suppression of the Albanian insurgency in Kosovo

- 4) Yugoslavia's refusal to comply with the terms of the Rambouillet Agreement signed on March 18, 1999

Part II

In this section, the correct answer can be one digit or a sequence of digits.

21. Align the dates with the events:

Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

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| A) The rise to power of the Tokugawa Shogun in Japan | 1) 1453 |
| B) The fall of the Yuan Dynasty in China | 2) 1395 |
| C) The invasion of Tamerlane's troops into Russian lands | 3) 1368 |
| D) The founding of the Mughal Empire | 4) 1603 |
| E) The capture of Constantinople by the troops of Mehmed II | 5) 1526 |

22. Which of the following states appeared on the territory of the former Eastern Roman Empire?

Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) Serbian Empire
- 2) Byzantine Empire
- 3) Ostrogothic Kingdom
- 4) Bulgarian Empire
- 5) Lombard Kingdom

23. Align the terms and their meaning. Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

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| A) Geuzen | 1) Horse regiments in Western Europe in the 16–17th centuries |
| B) Ironsides | 2) Leaders of mercenary military units in Italy in the 14–16th centuries |
| C) Carbonari | 3) Members of the anti-Spanish revolution in the Netherlands |
| D) Condottieri | 4) Cavalry of the Army of Parliament during the English Civil War of the 17th century |
| E) Reiters | 5) Members of secret political organizations in some European countries in the first third of the 19th century |

24. Which of the following events occurred during the Hundred Years' War?

Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) The Battle of Waterloo
- 2) The fall of Constantinople
- 3) Jacquerie
- 4) The Battle of Kulikovo
- 5) The foundation of the Knights Templar
- 6) The beginning of the Ming Dynasty in China

25. Determine the chronological sequence of events.

- 1) The Boxer Rebellion in China
- 2) Meiji reforms in Japan
- 3) The discovery of Antarctica
- 4) Chartism in England

5) Napoleon's campaign in Egypt

26. October 2023 marks the 310th anniversary of this remarkable French writer and philosopher. Hailing from the province of Champagne, at the request of his family, he initially geared himself towards a spiritual career, eventually attaining the position of an abbot. However, he later earned a Master's degree from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Paris.

During the 1740s, he undertook the translation of Stanyan's *History of Greece*, Shaftesbury's *Inquiry Concerning Virtue and Merit*, and James's *Medicinal Dictionary* from English. In 1747, he and his mathematician friend received an invitation to lead the publication of the *Encyclopedia, or a Systematic Dictionary of the Sciences, Arts, and Crafts*. This monumental work spanned 25 years, during which he contributed numerous articles covering exact sciences, economics, mechanics, philosophy, politics, and religion.

In 1765, the Russian Empress Catherine II acquired his library. After the purchase, Catherine not only allowed him lifelong access to the books but also granted the philosopher an annual salary as a librarian, paying the funds 50 years in advance.

Who is this person?

- 1) Francois-Marie Voltaire
- 2) Paul-Henri d'Holbach
- 3) Denis Diderot
- 4) Charles de Montesquieu

27. Which military commanders led the troops of the allied states in operations against Japan in August 1945? Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) Alexander Vasilevsky
- 2) Dwight Eisenhower
- 3) Georgy Zhukov
- 4) Rodion Malinovsky
- 5) Harold Alexander
- 6) Douglas MacArthur

28. Which of the following events took place in the world during the decade when the first human made an exit from a spacecraft into outer space? Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) The Korean War
- 2) The construction of the Berlin Wall
- 3) The Six-Day War between Israel and the Arab states
- 4) May civil unrest in France
- 5) The creation of APEC
- 6) The Cuban Missile Crisis

29. June 12, 2023 marked the 55th anniversary of the adoption of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, developed by the United Nations to "prevent non-nuclear countries from getting nuclear weapons and limit the possibility of armed conflict with the use of such weapons". Today, 191 states are parties to the Treaty. Which countries are not currently part of this agreement? Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) India
- 2) UK
- 3) China

- 4) Pakistan
- 5) Israel
- 6) Germany

30. Which member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation speak Turkic languages? Write down the answer as a sequence of numbers.

- 1) Azerbaijan
- 2) Egypt
- 3) Senegal
- 4) Tajikistan
- 5) Turkey
- 6) Malaysia
- 7) Uzbekistan