

BPSC History Optional Syllabus with Marking Pattern

The History optional paper in the BPSC Mains Exam consists of 300 marks. It is descriptive in nature and divided into two sections:

Section 1: Ancient and Medieval Indian History

- Sources of Ancient Indian History
- Harappan Civilization and Vedic Culture
- Jainism and Buddhism
- Mauryan and Gupta Empires
- South Indian Kingdoms
- Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire
- Bhakti and Sufi Movements
- Regional Cultures and Societies

Section 2: Modern Indian History

- Advent of Europeans and East India Company
- British Administration and Policies
- Revolt of 1857
- Social Reform Movements
- Indian National Movement (1885-1947)
- Important Personalities: Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Bose
- Quit India Movement, Partition, Role of Bihar

Marking Pattern:

- Total Marks: 300
- Duration: 3 Hours

- Descriptive format, 5-6 questions with internal choice
- Answers must be analytical and relevant

Preparation Tips:

- Start with NCERTs for basics
- Read RS Sharma, Satish Chandra, and Bipan Chandra
- Use maps, timelines in answers
- Practice PYQs and mock tests