



B.A. (Semester – VI) Examination, April/May 2017
HISTORY (Paper – VIII)
History of the Marathas

Duration : 2 Hours

Total Marks : 80

Instructions : 1) **All questions are compulsory.**

2) Answer sub-questions in Q. No. 1 and Q. No. 2 in **not more than 100 words each.**

3) Answer questions 3 to 6 in **not more than 400 words each.**

4) Figures to the **right** indicate **maximum** marks.

1. Answer **any four** of the following :

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- List the important Sanskrit sources for the study of Marathas.
- Comment briefly on the Shivaji-Shaiste Khan episode.
- Which were the officers incharge of Maratha forts and state their duties?
- State the circumstances which forced Rajaram to take shelter at Jinji.
- Trace the events leading to the Maratha civil war.
- State the provisions of the treaty between Sambhaji and the Portuguese.

2. Answer **any four** of the following :

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- Comment briefly on the Battle of Palkhed.
- List any two causes of the Third Battle of Panipat.
- What was the status of women in Maratha society?
- How did the Barabhai council rise to power?
- What was the role of Mahadji Shinde in the Maratha Confederacy?
- State the significance of the Treaty of Bassein (1802).



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3. A) Examine the factors contributing to the foundation of Maratha Swarajya. 12
OR
B) Discuss the Revenue Administration of Shivaji. 12
4. A) Assess the role of Sambhaji in the Maratha war of independence. 12
OR
B) Comment on Shivaji's relations with the Portuguese. 12
5. A) Analyse the political career of Peshwa Balaji Vishwanath. 12
OR
B) Describe the conditions of Trade and Commerce under the Marathas. 12
6. A) Evaluate the role of Nana Phadnis in Maratha History. 12
OR
B) Trace the causes for the downfall of the Marathas. 12