

Marking Scheme
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SUBJECT: HISTORY (SUBJECT CODE (027) (PAPER CODE 61/4/1)

General Instructions: -

1	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
2	“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”
3	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In class-X, while evaluating two competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.
4	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
5	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
6	Evaluators will mark(√) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put right (√)while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.
7	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totaled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
8	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.
9	If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “Extra Question” .
10	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only

	once.
11	A full scale of marks 80 (example 0 to 80/70/60/50/40/30 marks as given in Question Paper) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).
13	<p>Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book. ● Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it. ● Wrong totaling of marks awarded on an answer. ● Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page. ● Wrong question wise totaling on the title page. ● Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page. ● Wrong grand total. ● Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same. ● Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list. ● Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.) ● Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0)Marks.
15	Any un assessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totaling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “ Guidelines for spot Evaluation ” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totaled and written in figures and words.
18	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

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S.NO.	Value Points	Page No.	Marks
SECTION A			
(Multiple Choice Type Questions)			21×1=21
1.	(b) Haryana	P. 3	1
2.	(d) Alexander Cunningham	P. 19	1
3.	(b) Eklavya	P. 62	1
4.	(b) Buddha	P. 92	1
5.	(d) She was the daughter of Chandragupta II.	P. 40	1
6.	(c) (i) and (iv)	P. 89–90	1
7.	(c) Chandragupta Maurya	P. 32	1
8.	(c) i–3, ii–2, iii–4, iv–1	P. 144,145,147, 162	1
9.	(c) Duarte Barbosa	P. 179	1
10.	(a) (i), (ii) and (iii)	P. 122	1
11.	(b) Mansabdari system	P. 245	1
12.	(b) (iv), (i), (ii), (iii)	P. 171, 173	1
13.	(d) Thanjavur	P. 172	1
14.	(a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).	P. 197	1
15.	(c) Bahadur Shah	P. 292	1
16.	(c) i–1, ii–4, iii–2, iv–3	P. 263,271,280, 285	1
17.	(c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale	P. 347	1
18.	(d) (iv), (iii), (ii), (i)	P. 349	1
19.	(c) B.R. Ambedkar	P. 409	1
20.	(b) Hindustani	P. 425	1

21.	(a) Kunwar Singh	P. 292	1
SECTION B			
(Short Answer Type Questions) 6×3=18			
22.	Describe the distinct views of archaeologists on the Central authority of Harappa.	P. 16 & 17	3
(i)	Archeological records provide no immediate answer on the central authority of Harappa.		
(ii)	A large building found at Mohenjodaro was labeled as a palace by archeologist but no spectacular finds were associated with it.		
(iii)	A stone statue was labeled which was known as the priest king. This is because archeologists were familiar with Mesopotamian history and its priest king and have found parallels in the Indus region.		
(iv)	But archeologists didn't explain whether those who performed ritual practices also held political powers.		
(v)	Some archeologists opine that Harappan society had no rulers and everybody enjoyed equal status.		
(vi)	Others feel that there was no single ruler but separate ruler for separate city.		
(vii)	Yet others argue that there was a single state, given the similarity in artefacts, the evidence for planned settlements, the standardized ratio of brick size and the establishment of settlements near sources of raw material.		
(viii)	The last theory seems the most plausible, as it is unlikely that entire communities could have collectively made and implemented such complex decisions.		
(Any other relevant point)			
23.	(a) Why is the mid-first millennium BCE often considered as the turning point in world history ? Explain.	P. 84	3

(a)(i)	This era saw the emergence of thinkers like Zarathustra in Iran, King-Zi in China, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle in Greece and Buddha and Mahavira in India.		
(ii)	They tried to understand the cosmic order.		
(iii)	They tried to understand the mysteries and relationship between man and nature.		
(iv)	New kingdoms and cities were developing.		
(v)	Life was changing in a variety of ways.		
(vi)	These thinkers attempted to understand those developments		
	(Any three points to be explained)		
OR			
(b)	Why was Buddha considered as one of the most influential teachers of his time ? Explain.	P. 89-92	3
(b)(i)	Buddha's teachings had profound impact on the people.		
(ii)	His teachings spread in China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand and Indonesia.		
(iii)	His teachings were easy to comprehend.		
(iv)	He taught dhamma or the path of righteous living.		
(v)	He propagated the madhyam marg or the path of moderation.		
(vi)	He regarded the social world as the creation of human beings.		
(vii)	He advised kings and gahapatis to be humane and ethical. Individual effort was expected to transform social relations.		
(viii)	He told his disciples, "Be lamps unto yourselves as all of you must work out your own liberation."		
(ix)	So, many people followed his path.		
(Any three points to be explained)			

24.	“ The very choice of the site of Vijayanagara was inspired by the existence of the shrines of Virupaksha and Pampadevi.” Justify the statement.	P. 184	3
(i)	Temple building in this region had a long history.		
(ii)	Temple building means associating themselves with the temple deities. Virupaksha as lord Shiva and Pampadevi as Goddess Parvati.		
(iii)	Temples also functioned as centres of learning		
(iv)	Rulers gave grants for the maintenance of these temples.		
(v)	Temples of Virupaksha and Pampadevi perhaps were the main reason for the city to develop.		
(vi)	From the point of view of the rulers, constructing, repairing and maintaining temples were important means of winning support and recognition for their power, wealth and piety.		
(vii)	According to local tradition ,these hills sheltered the monkey kingdom of Vali and Sugriva mentioned in the Ramayana.		
(viii)	Among these hills are found Jaina temples of pr-Vijayanagara period.		
(ix)	The Vijayanagar kings claimed to rule on behalf of God Virupaksha		
(x)	All royal orders were signed “Shri Virupaksha”		
(Any three points to be explained)			
25. (a)	Explain the views of Ibn Battuta on Indian cities.	P. 127,12 8	3
(a)(i)	Ibn Battuta found Indian cities with full of opportunities		
(ii)	the Indian cities were densely populated and prosperous		
(iii)	most cities had crowded streets and bright and colorful		

	markets that were stacked with goods.		
(iv)	he described Delhi as a vast city with great population, the largest in India		
(v)	Daulatabad was no less, and easily rivaled Delhi in size.		
(vi)	He has described all the different gates of Delhi city.		
(vii)	He has also described about the public performances by dancers, musicians and singers in the city of Daulatabad.		
(viii)	The bazaars were not only the places of economic transactions but also the hub of social and cultural activities.		
(ix)	Any other relevant point		
(Any three points to be explained)			
OR			
(b)	Explain how Bernier found the crown ownership of land as being harmful for both the state and its people in the Mughal Empire.	P. 130	3
(b(i))	The emperor owned all the land and distributed it among his nobles.		
(ii)	This had disastrous affect on the society and economy.		
(iii)	The land could not be passed to the peasants nor their children.		
(iv)	Long term investment was not coming forth on land.		
(v)	The peasantry was on the decline.		
(vi)	No body was interested in improving the condition of land and agriculture.		
(vii)	According to Bernier there was absence of middle class in Mughal Empire.		
(viii)	Bernier saw the Mughal Empire and its king was the kings of "beggars and barbarians"		
(Any three points to be explained)			
26.	How did the Britishers suppress the Revolt of 1857? Explain with examples.	P. 305,306	3

(i)	The British passed a series of laws to help them quell the insurgency.		
(ii)	North India was put under martial law.		
(iii)	Military officers and British were given the power to try and punish Indians suspected of rebellion.		
(iv)	The ordinary processes of law and trial were suspended		
(v)	Reinforcements brought in from Britain.		
(vi)	British mounted a two-pronged attack.		
(vii)	One force moved from Calcutta into North India and the other from the Punjab – to reconquer Delhi.		
(viii)	The British used military power on a gigantic scale.		
(ix)	The British tried to break up the unity by promising to give back to the big landholders their estates.		
(x)	Any other relevant point		
	(Any three points to be explained)		
27.	“The ‘Salt March’ was a notable event in the Indian freedom movement.” Examine the statement.	P. 356–360	3
(i)	Salt march was really important.		
(ii)	It was a mass movement.		
(iii)	People gave vehement support to the salt march as salt was an important commodity used by all the classes.		
(iv)	British yielded to the demand of Gandhi.		
(v)	Forest laws were violated, workers went on a strike, lawyers boycotted British court and students boycotted government schools and colleges.		
(vi)	British monopoly over salt broke down.		
(vii)	Gandhiji used salt in order to mobilise a wider discontent against the British.		
(viii)	Women participated in this movement for the first time.		
(ix)	British realized that their days in India are in		

	numbers.		
(x)	It was this event that first brought Mahatma Gandhi to world's attention		
	(Any three points to be explained)		

SECTION C

(Long Answer Type Questions) 3×8=24

28.(a)	“According to Brahmanical theory, only Kshatriyas could be kings in the early states, however several other ruling lineages probably had different origins in the statement with examples from ancient India.	P. 62 63	8
(a)(i)	Only Kshatriyas could be kings, but this Brahmanical prescription does not hold good.		
(ii)	As per Brahmanical texts, Mauryas were of low origin.		
(iii)	The Shungas and the Kanvas were Brahmins, not Kshatriyas.		
(iv)	Shakas, who came from Western Asia were considered as Mlecchas.		
(v)	Rudradaman, Shaka ruler was a powerful Mlechchhas.		
(vi)	Gautmi-putra Satakarni was also a Brahmin.		
(vii)	Satakarni entered into a marriage alliance with Rudradaman kins.		
(viii)	Satvahanas also claimed to be Brahmanas.		
(ix)	The Brahmanical theory does not hold good, it was only the powerful person who became king.		

OR

(b)	“Given the diversity of the sub-continent, there have been populations in early states, whose social practices were not influenced by the Brahmanical ideas.” Explain the statement.	P. 64 – 66	8
(b)(i)	There were many a groups of people who refused to follow Brahmanical Varna order.		
(ii)	These people were called uncivilized or even animal like.		

(iii)	They were the forest dwellers.		
(iv)	Hunting and gathering was their main occupation.		
(v)	Eklavya is supposed to belong to such a group, called nishada.		
(vi)	Some of them were nomadic pastoralists.		
(vii)	Some groups were labelled as Mlechchhas.		
(viii)	Some people outside Brahmanical system were called untouchables.		
(ix)	Some groups were doing polluting jobs like handling corpses or dead animals.		
(x)	They were often called Chandalas.		
	(Any other relevant points)		
29.	(a) Explain the philosophy and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev.	P. 163	8
(a)(i)	Guru Nanak advocated Nirguna Bhakti		
(ii)	He rejected sacrifices, ritual baths, image worship, scriptures of both Hindus and Muslims.		
(iii)	For him Absolute or Rab had no gender or form		
(iv)	He proposed simple way to connect to the divine by remembering and repeating the name of Rab.		
(v)	He set up rules for congregational worship(Sangat).		
(vi)	He expressed his ideas through hymns called Shabad.		
(vii)	Baba Guru Nanak would sing these compositions in various ragas while his attendant Mardana played rabab.		
(viii)	His hymns are compiled in Adi Granth Sahib.		
(ix)	Baba Guru Nanak didn't wish to establish a new religion but after his death his followers consolidated his own practices and distinguished themselves from both Hindus and Muslims.		
(x)	Any other relevant point		
OR			

(b)	Explain the beliefs and practices of Sufism.	P. 153–160	8
(b)(i)	Religious minded people were called Sufis.		
(ii)	They were against the growing materialism of the caliphate.		
(iii)	They were critical of dogmatic traditions.		
(iv)	They laid emphasis on seeking salvation through intense devotion.		
(v)	They sought the interpretation of Quran on the basis of their personal experience.		
(vi)	They organised communities around the hospice or khanqah.		
(vii)	Sufi silsila represented a chain between the master and the disciple.		
(viii)	Special rituals were initiated which includes path of allegiance, patched garments and shaving head.		
(ix)	Practice of pilgrimage(Ziyarat) to the tomb(dargah) was encouraged.		
(x)	Mystical chants (qawwali) were performed.		
(xi)	The Sufis had always been keeping good relations with the rulers.		
(xii)	The rulers wanted legitimacy also.		
(xiii)	The Sufis solicited and accepted grants from the rulers.		
(xiv)	Sultans also had set up charitable trusts as endowments for hospices.		
(xv)	Rulers gave tax free lands to Sufis.		
(xvi)	Chistis accepted donations in cash as well as kind.		
(xvii)	Sufis often were called to interpret Sharia.		
(xviii)	Some instances of conflict took place between Sultans and Sufis.		
(xix)	Any other relevant point.		
30.	(a) Examine how jotedars became a powerful figure in rural areas of Bengal during the end of the 18th century.	P. 261	8

(a)(i)	Jotedars became powerful towards the end of 18th Century.		
(ii)	They had acquired vast areas of land.		
(iii)	They controlled local trade as well as money lending.		
(iv)	In villages the power of jotedars was more effective than the zamindars.		
(v)	They were living in villages and had direct control over the villagers.		
(vi)	They deliberately delayed payment of rent to zamindars.		
(vii)	Due to this many zamindaris were auctioned.		
(viii)	Jotedars were among the purchasers.		
(ix)	They were most powerful in North Bengal.		
(x)	In some places they were called Hoaldars, Gantidars or Mandals.		

Any other relevant point

OR

(b)	Examine the causes for the failure of zamindars to pay the revenue demand during the last decades of the 18th century.	P. 259–260	8
(b)(i)	Many a times, zamindars defaulted on making revenue payments.		
(ii)	The initial demands of revenue were very high.		
(iii)	The revenue was invariable, regardless of the harvest and had to be paid punctually.		
(iv)	According to the Sunset Law, if payment didn't come in by sunset of the specified date, the zamindaris was to be auctioned.		
(v)	The loss should be minimum to the company, so the company pegged the revenue demand high.		
(vi)	High rates of revenue was imposed, the prices were depressed due to natural calamities.		
(vii)	Zamindars could not collect rent from the ryots.		

(viii)	Permanent settlement also delimited the power of the zamindars.		
(ix)	Zamindars also lost their power to organise local justice.		
(x)	At the time of collection of revenue, the company officers used to be harsh.		
(xi)	At times ryots deliberately delayed the payment.		
(xii)	Any other relevant point		
	SECTION D (Source-Based Questions)		3×4=12
31.	Read the given source carefully and answer the questions that follow : SOURCE BASED QUESTION – What the king’s officials did	P. 34	(1+1+2)
(31.1)	Who was Megasthenes ?		1
Ans.	Magasthenes was the Greek Ambassador to the court of Chandragupta Maurya.		
(31.2)	How were the roles of supervisory officers important ?		1
Ans.	The role of supervisory staff was important for the State as well as for the public welfare because they supervised rivers, measured lands, inspected water channels.		
(31.3)	How is Megasthenes description helpful in understanding the administrative role of the king?		2
Ans.	It was helpful to understand how the king ruled, his relations with the public, his control over his State and his relation with the neighbouring rulers.		
32.	Read the given source carefully and answer the questions that follow : SOURCE BASED QUESTION – Peasants on the move	P. 198	(1+1+2)
(32.1)	What is Babur Nama ?		1

Ans.	Baburnama is the memoir of Zahir-ud-din Mohd. Babur. It is written in Chagtai/Turkish language. It covers history, geography and politics of that time.		
(32.2)	How did the peasants meet the needs of water ?		1
Ans (i)	They dug tanks to collect rainwater or even sunk wells to get water.		
(ii)	They also repaired old canals like Shahnahr in Punjab during the Shahjahan's reign.		
(iii)	Irrigation project received support from the state.		
	(Any one point)		
(32.3)	Explain the distinctive features of agrarian society.		2
Ans (i)	The peasants were highly mobile., start cultivating,.		
(ii)	They could move and settle in new places immediately.		
(iii)	Their crops were rainfed.		
	(Any two to be explained)		
33.	Read the given source carefully and answer the questions that follow : SOURCE BASED QUESTION - "We are not going just to copy"	411	(1+1+2)
(33.1)	Which was the revolution discussed by Nehru in the passage ?		1
Ans.	It was French revolution about which Nehru was talking about.		
(33.2)	Which qualities of the American Constitution are highlighted by Nehru ?		1
Ans (i)	American Constitution stood the test of so many years and nation became powerful in the world.		
(ii)	Other qualities-Preamble of Constitution/ Democracy/Fundamental Rights (Any one point to be explained)		
(33.3)	What was the 'Oath of the Tennis Court'?		2

Ans.	The Constituent Assembly of France was not given a place by the king to meet, so they betook themselves to an open tennis court and took the oath, which is called Oath of Tennis Court.		
SECTION E (Map-Based Question)			
34.			
(34.1)	On the given political outline map of India (on page 23), locate and label the following with appropriate symbols :		3×1=3
Ans (i)	Kalibangan a mature Harrapan site		
(ii)	Bharhut an important Buddhist site		
(iii)(a)	Ajmer a territory under Akbar		
OR			
(iii) (b)	Vijayanagara Capital of Krishnadeva Raya's empire.		
(34.2)	On the same political outline map of India two places related to British control in 1857 are marked as A and B. Identify them and write their names on the lines drawn near them.		2
See attached map.			
Note :	The following questions are for the Visually Impaired Candidates, only in lieu of Q. No. 34 :		
(34.1)	Name any mature Harappan site in Rajasthan.		1
Ans.	Kalibangan		
(34.2)	Mention any one Buddhist site in Southern India.		1
Ans.	Sanchi Stupa or any other		
(34.3)	Name the capital of Vijayanagara Empire.		1
(a)			
Ans.	Vijayanagara city or Hampi		
(a)			
OR			
(34.3)	Name any one capital city of the Mughal Empire.		1
(b)			
Ans.	Agra/Fatehpur Sikri/ Delhi		
(b)			
(34.4)	Mention any two places which were under the control of the British in 1857.		2

Ans.

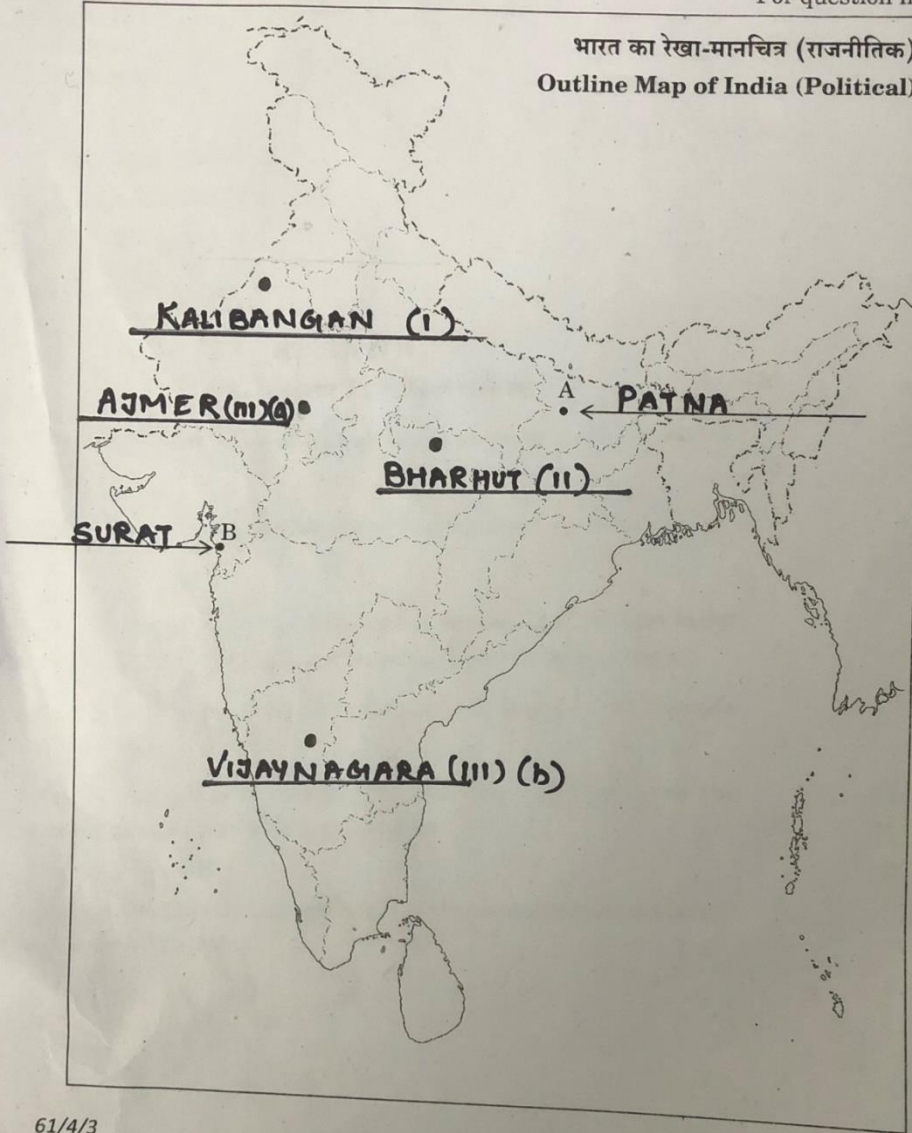
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For question no. 34

भारत का रेखा-मानचित्र (राजनीतिक)
Outline Map of India (Political)



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