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# Maharashtra Board Class 12 History Important Questions 2027

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## Renaissance and the Development of Science

### 1. MCQ: who started the printing press in 1440

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

In 1440 _____ started printing press. (a) James Watt (b) Gutenberg (c) Aristotle (d) Homer

### 2. Name: the treatise written by Varahmihir

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Write the name: The treatise written by Varahmihir -

### 3. Correct reason: why Christians fought the Crusades to regain Jerusalem and Bethlehem

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: Several wars were fought by Christians in Europe in eleventh century to regain hold of Jerusalem and Bethlehem because _____ (a) they wished to expand their kingdom (b) these cities were considered holy by Jews, Christians and Muslims (c) they wished to gain support of common people (d) these cities were developed cities

## European Colonialism

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### 4. Observe the map: identify a colony/place on the American colonies map

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

[context: map of the thirteen American colonies] In which colony is the city of Boston located?

Q. 3. (A) Observe the given map and answer the questions based on it : [13] (5)




(1) In which colony is the city of Boston located?

### 5. Observe the map: which ocean the American colonies bordered

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

[context: map of the thirteen American colonies] On the coast of which ocean were the American colonies located?

### 6. Answer with points: geographical discoveries and explorers

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write the information about geographical discoveries and explorers - (a) Ibn Batuta (b) Captain James Cook (c) Bartholomew Dias

### 7. MCQ: first seafarer to circumnavigate the African continent

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

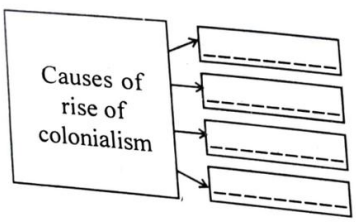
The first explorer to circumnavigate the African continent _____. (a) Henry the Navigator (b) Marco Polo (c) Bartholomew Dias (d) Columbus

### 8. Causes of the rise of colonialism

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 2/5 marks

Complete the concept map: Causes of rise of Colonialism

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### 9. Explain: the industrial revolution gave momentum to colonialism

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: The industrial revolution gave a momentum to colonialism.

### 10. The Industrial Revolution first began in England

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1/3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: Industrial Revolution first began in England.

### 11. Find the incorrect pair: explorers and their discoveries

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 1 marks

Find the incorrect pair and write the correct one. Group A - Group B: (i) Christopher Columbus - Discovery of America (ii) Vasco-da-Gama - Discovery of China (iii) Mungo Park - Discovery of Africa (iv) Abel Janszoon Tasman - Discovery of New Zealand

### 12. MCQ: from which country was the seafarer Vasco-da-Gama

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

Vasco-da-Gama was a seafarer from _____. (a) Poland (b) England (c) France (d) Portugal

## India and European Colonialism

### 13. Name: the first European/Portuguese seafarer to arrive in India

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Write the name: The first European to arrive in India -

### 14. MCQ: where the Dutch established their first colony in India

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

The Dutch established their first colony at _____. (a) Chennai (b) Machilipatnam (c) Karikal (d) Pondicherry

### 15. Why the Carnatic wars were fought between the British and the French

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1/3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: The 'Carnatic Wars' were fought between British and French.

### 16. Answer in detail: Portuguese colonies / expansion of the Portuguese empire in India

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Explain the expansion of Portuguese empire in India - (a) Establishment of colonies (b) Administration (c) Policies of Religious Intolerance

### 17. Explain: Indian rulers found it difficult to fight the Portuguese

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: Indian rulers found it difficult to fight the Portuguese.

### 18. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj built a naval force

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1/3 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj built naval force _____ (a) to levy octroi on British trade (b) to protect local salt trade (c) to arrest the advances of foreigners' infiltration in India (d) to construct sea forts

### 19. Answer with points: relations between the Portuguese and the Marathas

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Explain the relation between Portuguese and Marathas - (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (b) Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj (c) Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj

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### 20. Find the incorrect pair: Portuguese administrative posts and roles

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

Find the incorrect pair and write the correct one. Group A - Group B: (i) Arcebispo - Chief Executive Officer (ii) Chancellor - Judge (iii) Vedor da Fazenda - In-charge of Company's Possessions (iv) Capitaon - Captain

### 21. Correct reason: why Shivaji Maharaj levied octroi on the salt trade

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

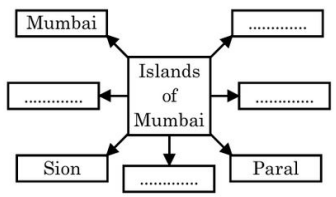
Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj levied octroi on the salt trade to _____ (a) oppose the Portuguese (b) stop the British trade of salt (c) raise funds for Swarajya (d) oppose the colonialists

### 22. Concept map: the islands of Mumbai

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Islands of Mumbai (Mumbai, Sion, Paral, ...)

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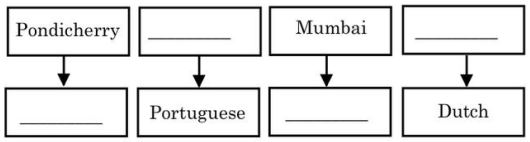



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### 23. Concept map: European powers and their important colonies in India

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map regarding European powers and their important colonies in India (Pondicherry, Portuguese, Dutch, Mumbai, ...)




(3) Complete the following concept map –

### 24. Find the incorrect pair: European trading-settlement personalities and roles

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

Find the incorrect pair and write the correct one. Group A - Group B: (i) Cosme-da-Guarda - Portuguese historian (ii) Gonsalo Martez - Portuguese emissary (iii) Francois Martin - Chief of Dutch factory (iv) Henry Revington - British Officer

## The Establishment and Expansion of British Rule

### 25. Answer with points: causes and consequences of the freedom struggle of 1857

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Reasons for freedom struggle of 1857 - (a) Discontent of Indian soldiers in the British Army (b) Discontent among rulers of Princely states (c) Unsympathetic outlook of the British

### 26. Correct reason: why the British wanted control over Myanmar

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: The British wanted to gain control over Myanmar, because _____. (a) they wanted to expand their empire (b) it was very important for them to control the natural resources and market in Myanmar (c) they wanted to be on the forefront in the colonial competition amongst the European nations (d) they wanted to teach a lesson to King Thibaw of Myanmar

### 27. Observe the map: a 1857 uprising place presently in Maharashtra

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

[context: map of the Revolt of 1857 in India] In the uprising of 1857, write the name of any one place, presently in Maharashtra.

### 28. Observe the map: name the Indian island in the Arabian Sea (1857 map)

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

[context: map of the Revolt of 1857 in India] Name an Indian island situated in the Arabian Sea.

### 29. Answer with points: the Anglo-Maratha wars

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Explain the Anglo-Maratha wars in detail - (a) First Anglo-Maratha war (b) Second Anglo-Maratha war (c) Third Anglo-Maratha war

### 30. Opinion: Savarkar called 1857 the first war of independence

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 3 marks

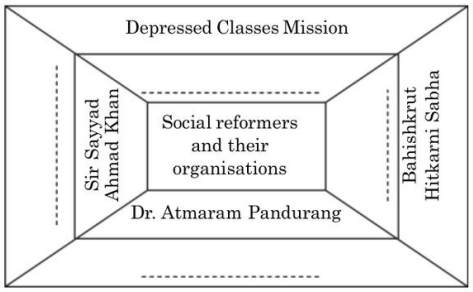
State your opinion: According to Swatantryaveer Savarkar, the Independence War of 1857 was the first war of Independence.

## Social and Religious Reform Movements

### 31. Concept map: social reformers and their organisations

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Social reformers and their organisations - Depressed Classes Mission, Dr. Atmaram Pandurang, Sir Sayyad Ahmad Khan, Bahishkrut Hitkarni Sabha




### 32. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaikwad's contribution to social reforms

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 3 marks

State your opinion: The policies adopted by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaikwad are considered progressive.

## The Indian Freedom Struggle

### 33. Explain: the British Government in India decided to return home

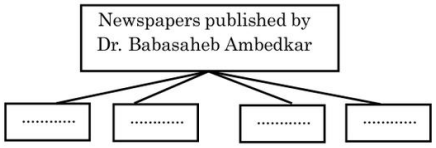
Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: The British government in India decided to return home.

### 34. Concept map: newspapers published by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Newspapers published by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar




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### 35. Ravindranath Tagore gave up his knighthood title

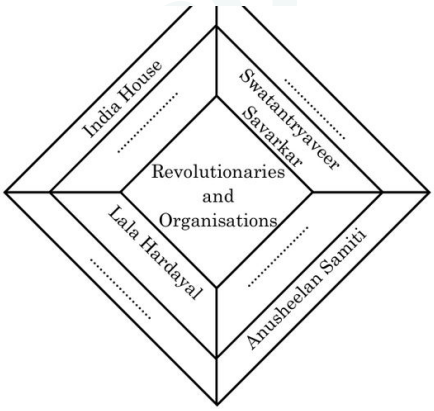
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1/3 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: Ravindranath Tagore gave up his title (Sir) because he wished - (a) To criticise 'Jallianwala Bagh Massacre' (b) To oppose Simon Commission (c) To support Indian freedom struggle (d) To support Non-Cooperation Movement

### 36. Concept map: revolutionaries and their organisations

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Revolutionaries and Organisations




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### 37. Economic Nationalism

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2/5 marks

Answer in detail: Write in detail the nature and impact of Economic Nationalism.

### 38. Short note: Kamagata Maru

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 2 marks

Write a short note: Kamagata Maru

### 39. Answer with points: the Quit India Movement of 1942

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write about the Quit India Movement of 1942 - (a) Mumbai Session (b) Appeal by Mahatma Gandhi (c) Its impact

## World Wars and International Organisations

### 40. Causes/factors of the Second World War

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 3/5 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: The Second World War occurred.

### 41. Impact of the World Wars on India

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 3/5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write information about the impact of World Wars on India - (a) First World War (b) Second World War

### 42. Japan surrendered in the Second World War

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1/3 marks

State your opinion: Japan surrendered in the Second World War.

### 43. Answer with points: causes of the First World War

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write the information about the First World War (1914-1918) - (a) Causes of the war (b) Immediate cause (c) Foundation of 'League of Nations'

### 44. MCQ: on which city the first atom bomb was dropped on Japan

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

The first atom bomb was dropped on the city of _____ during the aerial attack of America on Japan. (a) Nagasaki (b) Hiroshima (c) Pearl Harbour (d) Stalingrad

## The Cold War and Non-Aligned Movement

### 45. The Cold War began (between America and Russia)

Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1/3 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: Cold war began after Second World War because _____ (a) America opposed the 'Marshall Plan' (b) Soviet Russia adopted communism and America adopted capitalism (c) England supported Soviet Russia (d) America and Soviet Russia decided to continue the process of Detente

### 46. Describe the Non-Aligned Movement / its meaning and policies

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 2/5 marks

Answer in detail: Explain the meaning and policies of Non-Aligned movement.

### 47. MCQ/Name: location of the headquarters of SEATO

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Write the name: The headquarters of SEATO were located at -

### 48. Describe the Cold War / its background

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 2/5 marks

Write a short note: Cold War

### 49. Correct reason: why only Australia, New Zealand and the USA were in the ANZUS treaty

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

Choose the correct reason and complete the sentence: No country was included in the ANZUS treaty except Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America because - (a) They did not want to let United Kingdom and France to have an upper hand (b) It was a military pact (c) It was a secret pact (d) It was a pact only among countries with friendly relations

### 50. Answer in detail: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail: Write the information about South Asian Association of Regional Co-Operation (SAARC).

## Decolonisation of Asia and Africa

### 51. Find the incorrect pair: cities and African unity conferences

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Find the incorrect pair and write the correct one. Group A - Group B: (a) Bandung - Berlin Conference (b) Paris - The first pan African congress in 1919 (c) London - The first conference of 'African Association' in 1900 (d) Manchester - African unity conference

### 52. Answer in detail: decolonisation in Africa

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Explain Decolonisation in Africa - (a) Causes (b) Bandung Conference (c) Concept of African Unity

### 53. Short note: Decolonisation

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2 marks

Write a short note: Decolonisation

### 54. End of WWII sped up decolonisation

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 3 marks

State your opinion: The end of Second World War created an environment in which the process of decolonisation gained speed.

## Post-Independence India

### 55. Opinion: India is a leading country in space research

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 3 marks

State your opinion: India is a leading country in the field of space research.

### 56. Find the incorrect pair: integration of princely states and personalities

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

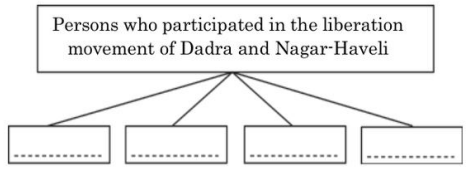
Find the incorrect pair and write the correct one. Group A - Group B: (i) Accession of the princely state of Hyderabad - Swami Ramanand Tirth (ii) Signed instrument of accession of Kashmir - Shaikh Abdullah (iii) Significant contribution in Goa liberation Movement - Mohan Ranade (iv) The trade Unionist leader in Puducherry - V. Subbayya

### 57. Concept map: cities joined through the Golden Quadrilateral

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Cities joined through Golden Quadrilateral (Suvarna Chatushkon Yojana)

(iii) Complete the concept map :




(iv) Complete the concept map :

### 58. Short note: AYUSH
Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Write a short note: AYUSH

### 59. Answer in detail: the Goa liberation movement
Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail: Write in detail about the 'Goa liberation movement.'

### 60. Answer with points: reorganisation of states in India
Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write information about Reorganisation of States in India - (a) Jharkhand (b) Telangana (c) Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh

### 61. India's defence affairs (policy)
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Write about the India's defence affairs policy - (a) Kargil War (b) Make in India (c) Job Opportunities

### 62. Concept map: participants in the Goa liberation movement
Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Leaders who participated in Goa liberation movement (including Gopal Mayekar)

(4) Complete the concept map :




(5) Complete the concept map :

### 63. Explain: the princely state of Hyderabad was acceded to India
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 3 marks

Explain the statement with reasons: Ultimately the princely state of Hyderabad was acceded to India.

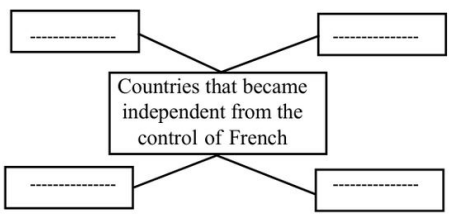
### 64. The youth policy of the Government of India
Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2/5 marks

Answer in detail with points: Explain the youth policy of the Government of India - (a) National Empowerment Policy (b) National Youth Day (c) National Training Programmes

### 65. Concept map: factors for India's increased share in the software sector
Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 2 marks

Complete the concept map: Factors responsible for India's increased share in the software sector

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## Applied History: Media and Communication

### 66. Short note: Speed Post

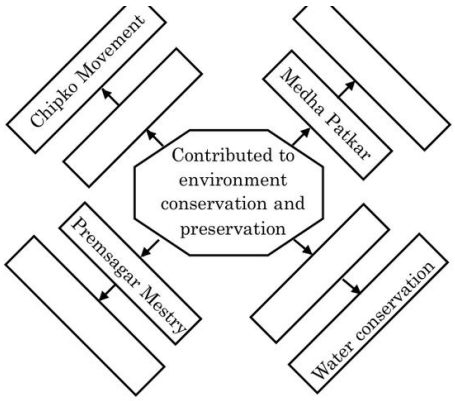
Asked 3× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Write a short note: Speed Post

### 67. Concept map: environmental activists and their work

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 2 marks

Complete the concept web: contributions to environment conservation and preservation - Premsagar Mestry (Water conservation), Medha Patkar, Chipko Movement, ...






### 68. Answer in detail: the Right to Information Act, 2005

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 5 marks

Answer in detail: Write the detailed information about the 'Right to information Act', 2005.