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7500 BC: Civilization at Gulf of Khambar

2500-1500 BC: Indus Valley Civilisation.

2000-1500: Aryans arrive from central Asia.

1500-1000: The Early Vedic Age – *Rigveda*.

1000-500: Later Vedic Period - Samaveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda,

Brahmanas, Aranyakas, Samhitas, early Upanishads and Sutras.

563-483: Gautama Buddha – born at Lumbini (Nepal);

:Attainment of knowledge – Bodh Gaya (Bihar);

:First sermon – Sarnath, near Varanasi (UP);

:Nirvana – Kusinagar (Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh).

540-468: Mahavira – born at Kundagrama near Vaishali (Bihar) and nirvana at Pavapuri (Patna, Bihar).

492-460: Rule of Ajatasatru, son of Bimbisara, king of Magadha.

364-321: Rule of Nandas of Magadha

326: Invasion of India by Alexander Battle of Hydaspes.

322-298: Reign of Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of the Mauryan dynasty.

273-232: Reign of Ashoka, son of Bindusara

261: Kalinga war.

257: Asoka's conversion to Budhism by Upagupta.

250: Third Buddhist council at Pataliputra

100-300: The Sangam Age in south India.

90: Sakasinvade India.

78: Accession of Kanishka, The Saka era begins.

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58: The Vikrama Samvat (vikram era) introduced by King Vikramaditya of Ujjain.

20-46 AD : Gondophernes, the king of Indo- Parthians.

50 BC-250 AD: Satavahana dynasty in the Deccan.

320-335: Reign of Chandragupta-I.

335-380: Reign of Samudragupta known as Indian Napoleon.

380-414: Reign of Chandragupta II (Vikramaditya).

405-411: The visit of the Chinese pilgrim Fa-hien to India.

500-527: Rule of Huns over North India.

500-757: First Chalukya dynasty of Vatapi

606-647: Harsha Vardhana of Kanauj. Hiuen-Tsang visited India (AD 630-644).

630: Harsha's clash with PulakesinII

712: Arabs occupy Sindh.

760-1142: Palas of Eastern India.

788-820: Sankaracharya and his philosophy of Advaita.

871-1173: Imperial cholas of Tanjore.

916-1203: Construction of Khajuraho Temples.

973-1190: Chalukya dynasty of Kalyani

985-1014: Reign of Rajaraja, the Great. Starts a great land survey (AD 1000).

1000-1027: Invasion of Mahmud of Ghazni.

1014-1044: Reign of Rajendra Chola. Naval campaign against Sri Vijaya kingdom.

1191: Prithviraj III, defeated Muhammad Ghori in the first battle of Tarain.

1192: Mohammad Ghori defeated Prithviraj in the Second Battle of Tarain.

1206: Foundation of the Sultanate of Delhi by Qutub-ud-din Aibak.

1210: Death of Qutub-ud-din Aibak.

1210-1236: Reign of Iltutmish.

1221 : Mongol invasion under Chenghis Khan.

1231: Iltumish completed the construction of Qutub Minar at Delhi.

1236-1240: Reign of Empress Raziya, daughter of Iltutmish, the first and last woman ruler of Medieval India.

1288-1293: Visit of Marco Polo in India.

1290-1296: Sultan Jalal-ud-din Firuz Khalji, founder of the Khalji dynasty.

1296 : Alauddin Khalji invades Devagiri.

1296-1316: Reign of Sultan Alauddin Khalji.

1309-1311: Malik Kafur's expedition into South India.

1320-1325: Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq (Ghazi Malik), founder of the Tughlaq dynasty.

1325-1351: Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq.

: Transferred the capital from Delhi to Daulatabad-1327.

: Issue of token currency -1329.

1526: The first Battle of Panipat (1526) Babur defeats Ibrahim Lodhi.

1333: Ibn Batuta arrives in India.

1336: Foundation of the empire of Vijayanagar by Harihara and Bukka

1346 : Foundation of the Bahmani kingdom by Ala-ud-din Hasan Bahman Shah (1347- 1358).

1351-1388: Sultan Firuz Tughlaq.

1398: Invasion of Timur during the reign of Sultan Nasiruddin Mahmud

1414-1451: Reign of Sayyid dynasty.

1420: Visit of Nicolo Conti.

1451-1526: Bahlul Lodhi (1451-89),

:Sikandar Lodhi (1489-1517),

: Ibrahim Lodhi (1517-26)

1438-1468: Reign of Rana kumbha in Mewar.

1498 : Vasco da Gama arrives at Calicut



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1505: De Almeida, the first Viceroy of Portuguese in India.

1509-1530: Reign of Krishnadeva Raya, the greatest king of Vijayanagar.

1510 : Conquest of Goa from the Adilshahi Sultan of Bijapur – 1510.

1526: Babur defeats Ibrahim Lodhi at the first battle of Panipat. Formation of Mughal empire.

1527: Battle of Khanwa. Babur defeats Rana Sanga of Mewar.

1530: Accession of Humayun.

1538: Death of Guru Nanak.

1539: Sher Shah defeats Humayun at Chausa and assumes sovereignty

1540: Humayun's defeat near Kanauj.

1542: Birth of Akbar.

1545: Battle of Kalinjar.

: Death of Sher Shah.

1555: Battle of Sirhind. Sikandur Suri was defeated by Humayun, Humayun recovers the throne of Delhi.

1556: Death of Humayun and accession of Akbar. Second Battle of Panipat.

1556-1605: Akbar's reign.

1564: Abolition of *Jezyah*.

1565: Battle of Talikota, decline of the empire of Vijayanagar.

1571: Foundation of Fatehpur Sikri.

1576: Battle of Haldighati and defeat of Maharana Pratap.

1579: Infalliability decree issued by Akbar.

1581: Din-i-Ilahi promulgated by Akbar.

1600: Deccan expedition and siege of Ahmadnagar

: Charter to British East India company.

1605: Death of Akbar and accession of Jahangir.

1605-1627: Reign of Jahangir.



1609: William Hawking visited Jahangir.

1615: Sir Thomas Roe in the court of Jahangir.

1627: Death of Jahangir.

1628: Shah Jahan proclaimed Emperor.

1631: Death of Mumtaz Mahal.

1636: Treaties with Bijapur and Golcunda.

1658: Coronation of Aurangzeb.

1659: Murder of Afzal Khan by Shivaji.

1663: Death of Mir Jumla.

: Attack on Poona by Shivaji.

: Shaista Khan appointed Governor of Bengal.

1665: Conclusion of the treaty of Purandhar - signed between Sivaji and Jai Singh.

1666: Death of Shah Jahan.

1674: Sivaji's Coronation and assumption of the title of Chatrapati.

1675: Execution of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

1679: *Jeziah* imposed on the Hindus by Aurangzeb.

1686: Conquest of Bijapur by Aurangzeb.

1687: Golconda annexed to the Mughal empire.

1707: Death of Aurangzeb at Ahmadnagar.

1739: Invasion of Nadirshah.

1740-1761: Peshwaship of Balaji Baji Rao (Nana Saheb)

1746-48: First Carnatic war.

1748-54: Second Carnatic war.

1756-63: Third Carnatic war.

1757: Battle of Plassey.

1760: Battle of Wandiwash.



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1761: Third Battle of Panipat: The Marathas defeated by the combined troops of Ahmad Shah Abdali; the Mughals, and other Muslim chiefs of India.

1764: Battle of Buxar. The English defeat Shah Alam, Shuja-ud-daulah and Mir Qasim.

1765: Grant of the 'Diwani' of Bengal, Bihar, and Orissa to the East India Company by Shah Alam II under Treaty of Allahabad.

: Clive, Company's Governor in Bengal.

1765-72: Dual Government of Bengal.

1767-69: The First Anglo Mysore War.

1770: The Great Bengal Famine.

1771: Marathas occupy Delhi and restore Shah Alam who was till then under English protection at Allahabad.

1772-73: Warren Hastings as Governor of Bengal.

: Abolition of Dual Government of Bengal (1772).

1773 : The Regulating Act was passed, bringing the company partially under Parliament's control and the Presidencies under Calcutta's control.

1773-85: Warren Hastings Governor-General.

: Establishment of Supreme Court, Calcutta.

1775-82: The First Anglo-Maratha War.

1776: Treaty of Purandar

1780-84: Second Mysore War.

1783: Fox's India Bills give more powers to Parliament and to the Governor-General.

1784 : Treaty of Mangalore between Tipu and the English.

:Pitt's Act passed, Setting up Board of Control for East India Company.

: Asiatic Society of Bengal founded by Sir William Jones.

1786-93: Lord Cornwalis, Governor-General.

1790-92: Third Mysore War.

1792: Treaty of Srirangapatnam signed between Tipu and English.

1793-98: Sir John Shore, Governor-General.

1793: The Permanent Zamindari Settlement of Bengal.

1798: Lord Wellesley as Governor-General and brought subsidiary alliance.

1799 : Fourth Mysore War. Fall of Srirangapatnam.

:Death of Tipu.

1800: Establishment of the College of Fort William.

1802: The Treaty of Bassein between Peshwa and English.

1803: Occupation of Delhi by Lord Lake.

1803-05: Second Anglo-Maratha War.

1807-13: Lord Minto as Governor-General.

1809: Treaty of Amritsar-Ranjit Singh and British sign treaty of perpetual amity.

1813-23: Lord Hastings as Governor-General.

1814-16: Anglo-Gurkha War.

1817-18 : Pindari War – Peshwa defeated at Kirkee.

1818-19: Last Anglo-Maratha War.

1823-28 : Lord Amherst Governor-General.

1824-26: First Burmese War.

1828-35: Lord William Bentinck as Governor- General.

1829: Prohibition of *Sati*.

1829-37: Suppression of *Thuggee*.

1833: Renewal of Company's charter. Abolition of the Company's trading rights.

1835-36: Sir Charles Metcalf Governor-General.

1835 : Macaulay's Education Resolution. English made official language instead of Persian.

1835 : Foundation of Calcutta Medical College.

1836-1842: Lord Auckland as Governor-General.

1839: Death of Ranjit Singh.

1842-44: Lord Ellenborough as Governor-General.

1844-48: Lord Hardinge as Governor-General.

1845-46: First Anglo-Sikh War. Treaty of Lahore.

1848-49: Second Anglo-Sikh War. Defeat of Sikhs and annexation of the Punjab.

: Opening of a Hindu Girls' School in Calcutta by Bethune.

1848-56: Lord Dalhousie as Governor-General.

1852: Second Anglo-Burmese War.

1853: Railway opened from Bombay to Thana.

:Telegraph line from Calcutta to Agra.

1854: Charles Wood's despatch on Education.

1855: Santhal insurrection in Bihar.

1856: Annexation of Awadh.

: Indian University Act.

:Hindu Widow's Remarriage Act.

1856-58: Lord Canning – Governor-General.

1857-58: Revolt of 1857. Revolt at Meerut begins on May 10, 1857.

1858: British India placed under the direct government of the Crown.

: Queen Victoria's Proclamation.

1858-62: Lord Canning as Viceroy.

1861: Indian Councils Act.

: Archaeological Survey of India set up.

: Indian Civil Service Act.

: Introduction of the Penal code.

1862-63: Lord Elgin as Viceroy.





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1864-69: Sir John Lawrence Viceroy.

1865: Telegraphic communication with Europe opened.

1869-72: Lord Mayo as Viceroy.

1875: Visit of the Prince of Wales.

: Arya Samaj founded by Swami Dayananda.

1877 : Lord Lytton held Durbar at Delhi where Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

1878: Vernacular Press Act.

1879: Theosophical Society at Adayar, (was set up) Madras.

1880-84: Lord Ripon as Viceroy.

1881: Factory Act.

1883: Indian National Conference held in Calcutta.

1883-84: Ilbert Bill controversy.

1884-88: Lord Dufferin Viceroy.

1885: First session of the Indian National Congress held at Bombay.

1887: Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

1888-93: Lord Landsdowne Viceroy.

1892: Indian Councils Act.

1894-99 : Lord Elgin II Viceroy.

1896: Ramakrishna Mission founded.

1899-1905: Lord Curzon Viceroy.

1905: Partition of Bengal.

1905-10: Lord Minto II Viceroy.

1906: Muslim League formed at Dacca.

1907: Surat Congress, moderates-extremists clash.

1908: Newspapers Act. Tilak convicted of sedition.

1909 : Morley-Minto Reforms.

: Indian Councils Act passed.

1910-16: Lord Hardinge II Viceroy.

1911: Delhi Durbar.

: Partition of Bengal annulled. Census of India.

: Transfer of Capital to Delhi announced

1914: Gandhi arrives in India.

1916: Lucknow Pact of Indian National Congress and All-India Muslim League.

: Foundation of Women's University at Poona.

: The Home Rule League founded.

1916-21: Lord Chelmsford as Viceroy.

1919: Montague-Chelmsford Reforms.

: Rowlatt Act passed.

: Massacre at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar (April 13).

1920 : Khilafat Movement and Non Co-operation Movement.

1921 : Moplah Rebellion and Wagon Tragedy.

1921-26: Lord Reading Viceroy.

1921 : Harappa excavations begin.

1922 : Mohenjodaro excavations begin.

: Chauri Chaura incident.

1923: Swarajists in Indian Councils.

1926-31: Lord Irwin Viceroy.

1927: Appointment of Simon Commission.

1928: Simon Commission comes to India.

: Death of Lala Lajpat Rai following police assault.

: Nehru Report.

1929 : Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt drops bombs in the Legislative Assembly.

: Congress on December 31 at Lahore declaring its objective of Poora swaraj for India.

1930: Gandhiji's Dandi March. Civil Disobedience Movement.

1930-31: First Round Table Conference.

1931: Gandhi-Irwin Pact signed.

: Second Round Table Conference.

1931-36: Lord Wellingdon Viceroy.

1932: Third Round Table Conference.

: Communal Award announced.

: Poona Pact signed.

1934: Civil Disobedience Movement called off.

1935: Government of India Act, 1935 passed by British Parliament.

1936-44: Lord Linlithgow Viceroy.

1937 : Inauguration of Provincial Autonomy.

:Congress Ministries formed in seven out of eleven provinces.

1938 : Haripura session of the Congress.

1939 : Second World War begins (September).

1940: Pakistan resolution passed by Muslim League at Lahore.

1941: Subhash Chandra Bose escapes from India.

1942: Cripps comes to India with his proposals in March.

: Congress rejects Cripps Proposal (11 April).

: "Quit India" resolution passed by Congress on August 8.

1944-47: Lord Wavell Viceroy.

1944: INA reaches Indian soil.

1945: Labour Government in Britain.

:INA surrenders to the British (May).

:First trial of INA men (November 5).

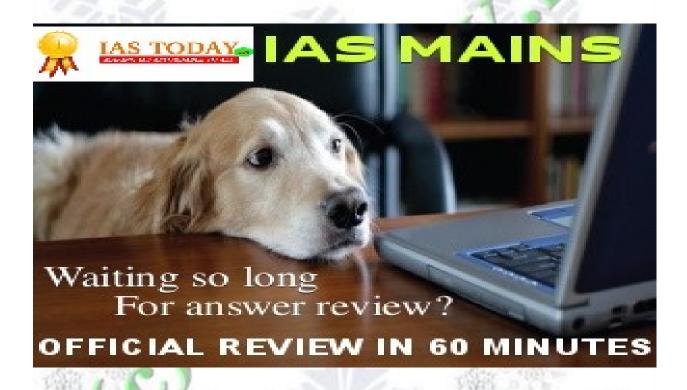
1946: Cabinet Mission's plans announced (June 16).

1947-48: Lord Mountbatten Viceroy.

1947: Announcement of Lord Mountbatten's plan for Partition of India (June 3).

: Indian Independence Act passed (July).

: Creation of free India and Pakistan on midnight of August 14/15, 1947 as dominions.



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