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★ CUET UG domain paper: 50 compulsory MCQs, 60 minutes, +5 for a correct answer, –1 for a wrong answer, 0 if left blank. Questions are based on the NCERT Class 12 syllabus. You can take up to 5 papers in total.

1. History: key facts

Topic	Fact
Harappa discovered	1921, by Daya Ram Sahni; Mohenjo-daro in 1922 by R. D. Banerji
Harappan sites	Great Bath: Mohenjo-daro · Dockyard: Lothal · Ploughed field: Kalibangan
Ashokan inscriptions	Mostly Prakrit in Brahmi script; Brahmi deciphered by James Prinsep (1838)
Travellers	Al-Biruni (Kitab-ul-Hind) · Ibn Battuta (Rihla) · François Bernier (French doctor)
Vijayanagara	Founded 1336 by Harihara and Bukka; Battle of Talikota 1565
Ain-i-Akbari	Written by Abul Fazl, part of the Akbar Nama
Permanent Settlement	1793, Bengal, under Lord Cornwallis
Revolt of 1857	Began at Meerut on 10 May 1857
Gandhi	Returned from South Africa in January 1915; Champaran 1917; Dandi March 1930; Quit India 1942
Constituent Assembly	First met 9 December 1946; Constitution adopted 26 November 1949

2. Political Science: key facts

- USSR broke up in December 1991; Gorbachev's reforms were perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness).
- ASEAN was set up in 1967 (Bangkok Declaration); SAARC in 1985.
- The UN was founded on 24 October 1945; the Security Council has 5 permanent members (USA, UK, France, Russia, China).
- Panchsheel (1954) was signed between India and China.
- The Planning Commission was set up in 1950; NITI Aayog replaced it on 1 January 2015.
- The Emergency was declared on 25 June 1975 under Article 352 and lifted in 1977.

3. Geography: key facts

- Census 2011: population about 121 crore, sex ratio 943, literacy 74.04%, density 382 persons per sq km.

- Neo-determinism ("stop and go" determinism) was given by Griffith Taylor.
- The first Human Development Report (1990) was prepared under Mahbub-ul-Haq.
- National Waterway 1: Ganga, Prayagraj (Allahabad) to Haldia.
- Digboi (Assam) is India's oldest oil field; Jharia is a major coalfield in the Damodar valley.
- Bharmaur (Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh) is the tribal area of the Gaddi people, studied in NCERT.

Quick check

Q1. Who deciphered the Brahmi script?

Answer: James Prinsep, in 1838.

Q2. When did the Constituent Assembly first meet?

Answer: 9 December 1946.

Q3. What was India's sex ratio in Census 2011?

Answer: 943 females per 1,000 males.

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