

**B.A. (Semester – VI) Examination, April/May 2018**  
**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 – 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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- i) Write a brief note on any two Bakhars of the Maratha period.
- ii) Comment on the significance of Shivaji's coronation.
- iii) Explain the duties of the Sumant and the Sachiv under Shivaji's administration.
- iv) Explain the Maharastra Dharma.
- v) Write a note on Sambhaji's relations with Aurangzeb.
- vi) Assess Shivaji's diplomacy towards the Portuguese.

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

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- i) State the significance of the treaty of 1719 signed between Peshwa Balaji Vishwanath and the Sayyed Hussain Ali.
- ii) What was the impact of the Battle of Rakshasbhuvan ?
- iii) Comment on the Maratha overseas trade.
- iv) State the circumstances which led to the formation of the Barabhai council.
- v) Write a note on the Battle of Kharda.
- vi) Comment on the relation between Nana Phadnavis and Mahadji Shinde.

3. A) Explain the factors contributing to the foundation of the Maratha Swarajya.

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OR

B) Discuss the military administration of Shivaji.

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4. A) Examine the role of Rajaram in Maratha-Mughal relations.

OR

B) Assess the contribution of Tarabai to the Maratha Swarajya.

5. A) Discuss the career and achievements of Peshwa Bajirao I.

OR

B) Explain the causes of the Third Battle of Panipat.

6. A) Analyze the political career of Bajirao II.

OR

B) Comment on the factors leading to downfall of the Maratha power.