

Question Bank for BA Hons. History VI Sem

Paper: History of Modern Japan and Korea (1867-1950s)

1. What were the distinctive features of the *Bakuhau* system? What led to its decline?
2. Critically discuss the salient features of *Sankin- Kotai* system? How did it lead to the decline of the Tokugawa Shogunate?
3. Discuss the feudal merchant relations in Tokugawa Japan? How did it persist in the early Meiji period?
4. Early Japanese industrialization and capitalism grew under the shelter of state protections and subsidy. Comment.
5. Early Meiji Japan was marked by constant agrarian revolts. How was the agrarian question settled in the early Meiji Japan?
6. Outline the main features of the constitution of 1889 with special reference to the role of the Emperor. Was the constitution democratic in form and content?
7. Analyze the agrarian and feudal character of People's Rights Movement in Meiji Japan. How did the movement influence the constitution of 1889?
8. Analyze the political and socio- economic factors responsible for the rise of Japanese militarism. Would it be correct to characterize it as fascism?
9. Examine the circumstances that led to Japan's war with Russia in 1904-05. What was the impact of this war on the imperialist ambitions of Japan?
10. Trace the evolution of Japanese imperialism with regard to its policies in Korea?
11. Critically analyze the influence of Neo-Confucianism on the structure and nature of *Yangban* society in the Joseon period.

12. March First Movement was a major turning point in Korean history. In light of this statement examine the nature of the March First Movement.

13. Trace the formation of north and south Korea in the context of the Korean war.