WORLD HISTORY. EXAM QUESTIONS.

(SUMMER SESSION 2026).

1. The Concept of Modernity. Key Features of the Early Modern Period.
2. Renaissance: its Origins and Key Features. Humanism: Main Ideas and Representatives.
3. The Age of Reconnaissance. Motives for Voyages of Exploration. The Origins of Global Trade. Columbian Exchange and Transatlantic Slave Trade.
4. The Genesis of Capitalism. Enclosure in England. Putting-out System. Joint-Stock Companies.
5. The Protestant Reformation. Its Main Outcomes.
6. The Crisis of the 17th century. Thirty Years War and the Peace of Westphalia.
7. The Concept of "the Great Divergence". Explanations of the Rise of Europe. Non-European World in the 16th-17th centuries: Great Mughals in India, Ming Dynasty in China, the Ottoman Empire, the Establishment of the Tokugawa Shogunate.
8. Systems of Government in European States in the 17th Century: French Absolutism. English Civil War and the Emergence of Constitutional Monarchy.
9. Enlightenment. Main Ideas, Representatives and Significance. Enlightened Absolutism.
10. The American Revolution and its Main Outcomes.
11. The French Revolution and its Main Outcomes.
12. The Emergence of Modern Ideologies. Main Ideas of Conservatism, Liberalism, and Socialism of the 19th – early 20th Centuries.
13. The Emergence of Nations and Nationalism. The Unification of Italy and Germany.
14. The Industrial Revolution and the Making of Industrial Society.
15. The Apex of Global Empires. Motives for Imperialism. French and British Colonial Empires.
16. The United States: Westward Expansion and the Civil War.
17. Latin America in the XIX – early XX centuries.
18. "Awakening of Asia": Japan, China, India in the late 19th – early 20th centuries.
19. World War I. Its Causes and Outcomes.
20. "Interbellum". The World Between the Two World Wars.
21. World War II. Its Causes and Main Outcomes.
22. Decolonization and Its Consequences.