

Lesson 7 – Stamp Collecting

1. Write a brief note on birth of stamps?

The idea of stamps came up in 1837 when Rowland Hill, a former school teacher in Great Britain, proposed a form of pre-payment for delivery, with proof of payment that could be attached to a letter. Till then, mails were delivered by messengers and the cost of delivering mails depended on the amount of pages in a letter and the distance travelled by the messenger. This system often led to a lot of inconvenience.

2. What does ‘Philately’ mean?

Philately’ refers to the hobby of collecting stamps.

3. What are the ways to categorise stamps?

Stamps can be categorised in the following three ways:

- general collections, where the stamps are collected randomly.
- country-wise collection, where each page/ section is dedicated to country
- thematic collection, where stamps are arranged according to themes

4. Write at least two educative values of philately.

The two educative values of philately are as follows:

- We get to know the different countries of the world, their regions, and their locations.
- The art forms of various countries and societies are embedded in stamps.