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HISTORY  
PAPER-II

Time Allowed—3 Hours

Full Marks—200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be given either in English or in Bengali or in Nepali but all answer must be in one and the same language.

Group-A

Answer Question No.1 and any two from the rest.

1. Answer any one question:

(a) Which factors would you attribute to the Anglo-French conflict in India? Why the French were defeated? 10+10=20

(b) Why was Western education introduced in India by the East India Company? What role did Bentinck and Macaulay play in it? 10+10=20

(c) Do you agree that the partition of India in 1947 could be avoided? 20

2. Critically discuss how the railways brought certain changes in the economy of British India. Did it lead to any structural change in the economy? 25+15=40

3. How would you explain the peasant and working class movements in India in the period between the two world wars? 40

What were the basic parameters of India's foreign policy under Jawaharlal Nehru? What role did India play in the Korean war and the Congo Crisis? 20+10+10=40

Group-B

Answer Question No.5 and any two from the rest.

5. Answer any one question:

(a) Do you subscribe to the view that the French Revolution of 1789 was a bourgeois revolution? 20

(b) How would you explain the unification of Germany under Bismark? 20

(c) What was new in New Imperialism? Discuss its impact on Africa and Asia. 10+10=20

6. Why and when was the League of Nations formed? Explain its success and failure. 20+10+10=40

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7. Analyse the causes of the rise of Nationalist movements in Southeast Asia with special reference to Malay and Indonesia. 20+20=40

8. What do you understand by Cold War? Illustrate with examples the salient features of the Cold War till 1960. 10+30=40

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