

WBCS MADE EASY

MWC(O)-HIST-II/23

2023

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 the remaining ones ignored.

*Answers may be given either in **English** or in **Bengali** but all answers must be in one and same language.*

Group-A

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

1. Answer any one:

- (a) What was the Subsidiary Alliance? How did it contribute in the rise of the East India Company to political dominance in the Subcontinent? 20
 - (b) How did the British revenue settlements serve to change the nature of agrarian land-ownership in the Indian Countryside? 20
 - (c) Write an essay on the nature of the uprising of 1857. 20
2. Analyse the circumstances in which nationalism emerged as a major factor in the political life of India in the second half of the nineteenth century. 40
3. Assess the contribution of Gandhi in India's freedom movement. 40
4. Write an essay on the integration of princely states into the Indian Union. 40

Group-B

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

5. Answer any one:

- (a) Give an account of the administrative reforms of Napoleon. Is it fair to say that he only partially consolidated the gains from the French Revolution? 15+5
 - (b) German unification was the result as much of coal and iron as it was of blood and iron. —Comment. 20
 - (c) What were the factors that facilitated industrialisation in British economy in England during the eighteenth century. 20
6. Why did the Sarajevo killing in July 1914 result in the outbreak of the First World War? 40
7. Write an essay on the emergence of fascism as a political force in Europe during the inter-war era. 40
8. What caused the Cold War – ideological differences between the two superpowers, or conflict of interests between them? 40