

History Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Critically examine the following statements in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | "Colonialism had a twisted logic of its own for commercialization. It emerges on analysis to have been often an artificial and forced process." | 10 |
| 1(b) | After 1857, "the peasants emerged as the main force in agrarian movements." | 10 |
| 1(c) | "Awakened political consciousness of Indian masses, bound with dishonourable and cowardly insults of the British led to the movement of Non-Cooperation." | 10 |
| 1(d) | When Gandhiji launched the Civil Disobedience Movement he was "desperately in search of an effective formula." | 10 |
| 1(e) | "If abdication of British responsibility at the time of transfer of power was callous, the speed with which it was done made it worse." | 10 |
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| 2(a) | The Carnatic Wars, the Anglo-Mysore Wars and the Anglo-Maratha Wars had virtually eliminated the French from the contest of supremacy in South India. Discuss. | 20 |
| 2(b) | While introducing the Indian Councils Bill of 1861, the British thought that the only Government suitable for India 'is a despotism controlled from home'. Comment. | 20 |
| 2(c) | The root of the whole question behind the Indigo Revolt 'is the struggle to make the raiyats grow indigo plants without paying them the price of it'. Analyse. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Do you agree that 'the decline of traditional Indian artisan production was a fact, sad but inevitable'? Discuss. | 20 |

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| 3(b) | The historical significance of tribal and peasant uprisings in India 'lies in that they established strong and valuable traditions of resistance to British rule'. Discuss. | 20 |
| 3(c) | To accomplish the aims of education, 'political propaganda and formation as well as propagation of nationalist ideology', the press became the chief instrument. Comment. | 10 |
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| 4(a) | The universalist perspective of socio-religious reform movements was not a 'purely philosophic concern; it strongly influenced the political and social outlook of the time'. Examine. | 20 |
| 4(b) | The Congress Socialist Party agenda was not to cut off from the Congress, but 'intended to give the Congress and the national movement a socialist direction'. Analyse. | 20 |
| 4(c) | How did the factionalised Dalit leadership in Hyderabad undergo a period of intense re-organization between 1948 and 1953? | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Critically examine the following statements in about 150 words each: | 50 |
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| 5(a) | "The American War of Independence finally ended in 1783 when Britain acknowledged the independence of the United States of America." | 10 |
| 5(b) | "The Chartist Movement not only fulfilled some of the demands of the middle class, but its ramifications were felt among the working class and the colonies as well." | 10 |
| 5(c) | "The Revolutions of 1848 were shaped by the ideas of democracy and nationalism." | 10 |
| 5(d) | "The British imperialism in South Africa from 1867 to 1902 was influenced to a large extent by the capitalist mining of diamonds." | 10 |
| 5(e) | "The supremacy of USA after the end of Cold War had its challenges as well." | 10 |
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| 6(a) | The philosophers and thinkers may have laid the foundation of the French Revolution, but it was precipitated by social and economic reasons. Explain. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Marxian socialism claims itself to be a scientific socialist theory capable of explaining the history of humankind. Discuss. | 20 |
| 6(c) | Enlightenment was not confined to scientific revolution alone, but humanism and ideas of progress too were its inseparable constituents. Examine. | 10 |
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| 7(a) | The impact of industrial revolution on the middle class world view is reflected in the views of Adam Smith, Thomas Malthus and Jeremy Bentham. Comment. | 20 |
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| 7(b) | Discuss the different stages of the unification of Italy from 1848 to the occupation of Rome in 1870. | 20 |
| 7(c) | The Treaty of Versailles contained in itself the seeds of the Second World War. Examine. | 10 |
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| 8(a) | "UNO was the necessity of the time when the World War II ended." Critically examine its achievements and shortcomings. | 20 |
| 8(b) | The historical causes for the rise of anti-colonial movement in South-East Asia were cultural differences, spread of western education and the emergence of Communist ideas. Discuss. | 20 |
| 8(c) | Arab nationalism was not only a cultural movement, but also an anti-colonial struggle. Comment. | 10 |
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