

History Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 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) | After the battle of Plassey, the mercenary became the Kingmaker. | 10 |
| 1(b) | The values of utilitarianism prompted the Company administration to attempt reform of Indian society. | 10 |
| 1(c) | In course of the 19th century, the agenda of social reform was gradually replaced by revivalism. | 10 |
| 1(d) | The federal provisions of the Government of India Act of 1935 foundered on the rock of princely intransigence. | 10 |
| 1(e) | The strength of the Pakistan programme was its vagueness. It meant everything to everyone. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | The pace of commercialisation of agriculture increased as a result of British revenue policies in India. Critically examine. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Why was the Great Revolt of 1857 confined only to North India? How did it change the character of British rule in the subcontinent? Explain. | 20 |
| 2(c) | Why did the demand for land reform never become an agenda in national politics after 1947? Elucidate. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Political extremism in colonial India often converged with cultural nationalism, but not always. Comment. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Regionalism in India after 1947 was occasioned by developmental imperatives as much as linguistic particularism. Elucidate. | 20 |

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| 3(c) | Twenty years of peace secured by the treaty of Salbai proved very costly to the Marathas in strategic terms. Elucidate. | 10 |
| 4(a) | The Swadeshi movement of 1905 anticipated many of the tactics that were later developed during the Gandhian mass movement. Critically examine. | 20 |
| 4(b) | The trade union movement joined forces with the mainstream of nationalist politics to strengthen each other in their struggle against colonial rule. Comment. | 20 |
| 4(c) | India's developmental strategy after independence was influenced by economic imperatives, not ideological considerations. Comment. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Critically examine the following statements in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | The ideas raised by Enlightenment thinkers were profoundly unsettling and challenging to old regime society and political order. | 10 |
| 5(b) | The American Civil War was a result of disparity of needs of industrial north and agrarian south. | 10 |
| 5(c) | The unification of Germany was as much a product of coal and iron as it was of blood and iron. | 10 |
| 5(d) | The new regime in China addressed the peasant question by instituting wholesale land redistribution, which was carried out swiftly and ruthlessly. | 10 |
| 5(e) | The revolutions of 1989 did not simply destroy governments; they also ended an ideology. | 10 |
| 6(a) | The course of the English industrialization was too long drawn to be considered a revolution. Comment. | 20 |
| 6(b) | The social and political landscape of Europe after the first world war was uniquely suited to the rise of Fascism. Discuss. | 20 |
| 6(c) | The state was the most important factor in the industrialization of Russia. Comment. | 10 |
| 7(a) | The second world war was a truly global conflict. Discuss. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Trace the different stages of European economic integration. | 20 |
| 7(c) | The nature of apartheid regime undermined South Africa's claim of being a democratic polity. | 10 |
| 8(a) | The emergence of two power blocs not only symbolised two competing ideologies but also two alternative models of economic growth. Explain. | 20 |

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| 8(b) | To what extent underdevelopment in Latin America is caused by neo-imperialism? | 20 |
| 8(c) | How did Ho Chi Minh emerge as the central figure in the Vietnamese independence movement? | 10 |
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