

**OPSC Civil Services Mains-2006 (Held in 2008)**

**History**

**Paper-II**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 300**

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

*Candidates should attempt Q. No.1 from section-A and Q. No. -5 from Section –B which are compulsory and three from the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each section.*

**SECTION-A**

**1. Comment on any THREE of the following statements in about 200 words each:  
- 60 marks**

- a) Do you agree with the view that the Mutiny of 1857 was "the first war of independence"?
- b) "The Reforms of 1919 mark a definite step towards the fulfillment of Indian Aspiration."
- c) "Do you consider British colonialism as the primary cause of Indian impoverishment?"
- d) "The national democratic awakening of the Indian people found expression also in the religious sphere"

**2. Examine the impact of the rule of the East India Company on the Indian economy. 60 marks**

**3. Indicate the steps taken by Lord Dalhousie to consolidate the British power in India. 60 marks**

**4. (a) Assess the economic consequences of the partition of India. 40 marks**

**b) What led to the Khurda Rebellion of 1817? What was its impact on the British Administration in Orissa? 20 marks**

## Section-B

**5. Comment on any THREE of the following statements in about 200 words each:  
60 marks**

a) "Renaissance marks the watershed between the medieval and modern periods in history."

b) "Restoration was not mere Restoration. It was a revolution."

c) "Economic causes were subsidiary it was the philosophers who were responsible for the French Revolution."

d) "I do not worship the gods and goddesses nor the earthen and stone idol I mediate on you alone in all earnestness seeking salvation of my soul."

6. Analyze the nature and significance of the American Revolution and bring out its constitutional results. 60 marks

7. Assess the factors that contributed to the rise of nationalism during the 19th century in the context of India. 60 marks

8. Trace the emergence of Third World Countries and its response to the policy on Non-Alignment. 60 marks

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