

Odisha Civil Services Mains-2011

History Paper-II

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates should attempt Question No.1 from Section- A and Question No. 5 from Section- B which are compulsory and three of 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) "On the whole, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the so called First National War of Independence was neither First, nor National, nor a War of Independence."
 - b) The religious reform movements of the 19th Century were "Endeavours to recast the old religion (Hinduism) into a new form suited to meet the needs of the new society".
 - c) "Dyarchy was introduced with high hopes and it must be said that, on theoretical analysis and if worked under ideal conditions, it is not without merits."
 - d) "The Nationalist Political Movements for liberation such as the Non-cooperation and Civil disobedience movements and their leadership depended heavily on the Peasantry."
2. What is Commercialization of Agriculture? Explain the nature of its impact on Indian economic life. 60 marks
3. What do you understand about the Non-alignment Movement? What role was played by India in the origin and growth of this movement? 60 marks
4. Answer the following questions:
 - a) Explain the nature of Royatwari Settlement in Madras Province. Describe its effects on Peasants. 40 marks
 - b) Critically analyze the progress of Non-Cooperation Movement in Odisha. 20 marks

Section-B

5. Comments on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each: 60 marks

a) "Another great change that came with the Renaissance was its stress on Humanism. Earlier people subordinated themselves to the interests of the church or the class to which they belonged. Now they began to look at themselves as individuals."

b) "Robbert Brenner's thesis regarding the centrality of class struggle in the transition from feudalism to capitalism has significant implications for understanding the difference in patterns of Industrialization within Europe."

c) "Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and soul of soulless conditions" It is the opium of the people.

d) "The treaty should satisfy brigands, imperialists and militarists. It is the death-blow to the hopes of those who expected the end of the war to bring peace. It is not a peace treaty but a declaration of another war."

6. Do you think that the Bolshevik Revolution of Russia in 1917 was merely a Coup-d'tat as propagated by the Havard scholars? 60 marks

7. Analyze how the post-second world war period witnessed the reorganisation of the continents into two power blocks. 60 marks

8. Write a critical note on the process of Globalization with special reference to its impact on India. 60 marks
