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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
 - a) "Dalhousie changed the map of India with speed and thoroughness no campaign could equal".
 - b) "India underwent suffering and mortality in the wake of recurring famines in the later half of the 19th century."
 - c) The 1921 Moplah rebellion was "in assence and expression of longstanding agrarian discontent which was intensified by the religious and ethnic identity."
 - d) "Mountbatten's task was, therefore, merely work out details and effect the partitions demanded by league and accepted by both the British Government and Congress; and this the new Viceroy moved commandingly to perform".
2. Enumerate the attitude of the Indian National Congress towards the Constitutional changes of 1909, 1919 and 1935. 60
3. Analyze the factors which contributed to the formation of Muslim League and explain its role in Indian Politics between 1906-1947. 60

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4. (a) Write detailed account on the Mahalwari revenue settlement and its merits and demerits. 40
(b) Describe the Political and Economic causes of the tribal revolts under Dara Bisoyee and Chakra Bisoyee. What was its impact on the colonial administration in Odisha? 20

Section-B

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each : 60
- a) "Rousseau's Political Philosophy contains the seeds of Socialism, Absolutism and Democracy."
b) "The Russian Revolution (1917) was an economic explosion hastened by the stupidities of the auto critic Government."
c) "Until December 1941 the battle-field of the Second World War was exclusively European and Atlantic; thereafter it became also Asiatic and Pacific."
d) "The Brussels Treaty of 17th March, 1948 paved the way for the formation of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."
6. Critically Analyze the Industrial Revolution brought about great changes in the Social and Economic Life of Europe. 60
7. Explain the main strands in the Egyptian nationalist movement in the first half of the 20th century and describe the role played in it by Zaghlul Pasha. 60
8. Describe the various dimensions and phases of the Cold War between 1947-1962. 60

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