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CIVIL SERVICE EXAM 2009
29.10. 2009

HISTORY

Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

INSTRUCTIONS

Each Question is printed both in Hindi and English Medium.

Answer must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book in the space provided for the purpose. No Marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specific in the Admission Certificate.

*Candidates should attempt Question No. 1 and 5 which are compulsory and any **three** of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each Section.*

The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question. Answer should be precise and to the point.

SECTION – A

(Modern India)

1. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each : 20×3=60
- a). “ Though the Permanent Settlement had serious defects , it gave tranquility to the countryside and stability to the government”.
- b). “ The Arya Samaj may quite logically be pronounced as the outcomes of conditions imported into India by the west.” (Lala Lajpat Rai)
- c). “Please remember, in granting separate electorates we are sowing the dragons’s teeth and harvest will be bitter.” (Morley)
- d). “ The annexation of Awadh shook the loyalty of the Sepoy’s , as it was for them an ultimate proof of untrustworthiness of the British.”
- 2.a). Why was Mysore considered a threat by the British to their possessions and mercantile interests in the south ? Do You think that Tipu Sultan’s posturing became his undoing?

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b). How did the East India Company became the de jure power in India? 30

3. a). How did social legislation in the nineteenth century improve the condition of women in India? 30

b). Analyze the social composition of the early Congress leadership. 30

4. a). Discuss as to why the congress accepted the partition of India in 1947. 30

b). Do you think that Quit India movement was a Spontaneous Revolution ? 30

SECTION B : (World History)

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each : $20 \times 3 = 60$

a). “ The capitalism which gave the European empires their apparent solidarity and permanence also hastened their downfall.”

b). “ In all the long annals of Imperialism , the partition of Africa is a remarkable freak.”

c). “ Hitler did not really want a world War. His intention was only a short war with Poland.” (A. J. P. Taylor)

d). “Arab nationalism and oil – these were the principal Factors in complicating the relations of middle eastern countries with the outside world.”

6. a) Discuss the emergence of neo-imperialism in the late nineteenth century. 30

b). What was the extent of industrilisation in western Europe by the end of the nineteenth century? 30

7. a). How did Nepoleon Bonapart fuse the old France with the new ? 30

b). Why did Vietnam go through thirty years of war after the second world war? 30

8. a). Account for the overthrow of the Tsarist regime in Russia 30

b). Examine the peace keeping efforts of the United Nations Organization. 30