

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2002

(Optional Papers)

HISTORY

Paper I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Critically assess the importance of literary sources for the study of history of ancient India.
2. Discuss the rise of the Nanda Dynasty, and try to determine the causes of its downfall.
3. Discuss briefly the career of Chandragupta II.
4. Account for the emergence of the Pala dynasty and give reasons for its ultimate downfall.
5. Assess the importance of the career of Vallalasena.

Group-B

Answer any two questions.

6. Discuss the salient features of Mahayana Buddhism.
7. Account for the popularity of the worship of Mother Goddess in early mediaeval Bengal.
8. Discuss the growth of agriculture in Northern India.

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Full

Group - A
Answer any three questions

1. "The Renaissance opened the gates to the newer world of The modern times and closed die doorupon the long drawn drama long-drawn of the Middle Ages Do you consider this to be a correct Ages"- assessment of the Italian Renaissance?
2. How far was Napoleon I "a child of the Revolution"?
3. Was the Congress of Vienna really reactionary?Or
Was the Treaty of Versailles "a dictated peace"?
4. "Not by speeches" but by "blood and iron" - How far does this policy explain die unification ofGermany by Bismarck ?
Or.
Was Alexander 11 really "a Tsar Liberator"?
5. How did Mustafa Kama of Turkey transform "the sick-man Kamal of Europe" into a modemsplate?

Group-B
Answer any two questions.

6. "England grew but Prussia was manufactured England manufactured"-
Elucidate.Or,
In what respects was "Scientific Socialism" an improvement on "Utopian socialism Utopiansocialism"?
7. In how many ways was the "English Revolution" of 1688 "glorious"?
8. "No taxation without representation"—How far docs this explain the outbreak of the AmericanWar of Independence ?

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