

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2004 (Optional Papers)

HISTORY

Paper I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. What were the salient features of the Indus Valley Civilization?
2. Explain Asoka's Dharma. Can you link it with Buddhism?
3. Briefly discuss the economic reforms of Alauddin Khalji with special reference to his market-control regulations.
4. Trace the growth and ascendancy of the British Power in Bengal between 1757 and 1765.
5. Give a brief account of the peasant and tribal movements in India in the 18th and 19th centuries. Why did they fail?
6. Critically analyse the strength and weakness of the early leaders of the Indian National Congress.

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

7. Give an account of the political life of the Rig-Vedic Aryans.
8. Write a note on the Bhakti movement in the Sultanate period.
9. To what extent was 'jagirdari crisis' responsible for the decline of the Mughal Empire?
10. Trace the growth of a Separate Muslim Politics in India.