

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

## HISTORY

### Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

#### Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. Discuss the main features of civic humanism of the 15th and 16th centuries. How did it contribute to a fundamental revision of the approach to historical study?
2. To what extent did the philosophers infer the French Revolution of 1789?
3. Would you regard Mazzini as one of the pioneers in forging Italy's national unity?
4. Was slavery the chief cause of the American Civil War?
5. How would you explain the rise of Fascism in Italy?

#### Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

6. Comment on the view that the continental system wounded its author more deeply than his opponents?
7. What led to the emergence of new Imperialism during the last quarter of the 19th century?
8. Why did World War-II break out? Who or what was to blame?