

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2008

(Optional Papers)

HISTORY

Paper I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. How far is it proper to consider Buddhism as a protestant movement?
2. Try to give an impartial judgment on the achievements of Sasanka.
3. Assess the historical significance of the Bhakti movement.
4. Was there any ideology behind Sivaji's attempt to build up a regional kingdom?
5. Analyse the impact of the colonial rule behind de-industrialisation of Indian economy.
6. How far is it appropriate to regard Vidyasagar as a traditional modernizer

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

7. Analyse the value of archaeological sources for ancient Indian history — merits and limitation.
8. Would you consider Samudragupta to be the greatest among the Gupta emperors? Give reasons for your answer.
9. Was Din-i-Ilahi a new religion or was it born out of political compulsion?
10. What was the social character of extremism in Indian politics?