

# West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2001 (Optional Papers)

## HISTORY

### Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

#### Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. Why was Overseas expansion, at the beginning of the sixteenth century, become a concern of European powers? What was its social and economic impact?
2. How did Martin Luther revolt against the Pope of Rome '? Was there any nationalist motive behind his protest?
3. What importance would you attach to the Glorious Revolution of 1688 in England? Did it have any impact upon the Royal Prerogative?
4. Why did the industrial revolution in England precede that in the Continent?
5. How did Metternich try to preserve the conservative order in Europe? Why did he fail'-'?

#### Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

6. Write a note on the Manchurian Crisis of 1931. Did it have any impact upon the League of Nations' credibility ?
7. Why was India partitioned in 1947?
8. How would you describe Communist takeover of China in 1949?