

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2003 (Optional Papers)

HISTORY

Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. How far were the Philosophers a factor in the causation of the French Revolution (1789)?
2. What was "the System of Metternich"? Why did it fail?
3. "Italy as a Nation is a legacy, the life-work of Cavour"-Is this a correct assessment of the story of Italian Unification?
4. Explain the issues involved in the American Civil War (1860).
5. Analyze the causes of the Russian Revolution of 1917.
6. Assess the role of Mao-Tse-Tung in the establishment of "the people's Democracy" in China.

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

7. Feudalism was "a barbarian protest against barbarism" - Examine the statement in the light of the origin and organization of Feudalism.
8. "The Anglican vessel of Elizabeth glided smoothly between the clashing rocks of Romanism and Presbyterianism"- Elucidate.
9. How did England become "the workshop of the world" as a result of the Industrial Revolution?

10. Do you think Fascism in Italy was “anti-individualist, anti-democratic, anti-socialist, anti-laissez-faire and anti-pacifist”?

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