

# West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2005

(Optional Papers)

## HISTORY

### Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

#### Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. Examine briefly the basic characteristics of feudal society in Western Europe between the 9th and the 12th centuries. Why did it decline?
2. Make a critical estimate of the role of Philosophers in bringing about a revolutionary situation in France.
3. What were the main sources of the supply of industrial capital in Britain? How did the continental situation differ in this respect?
4. What was Bismarck's contribution to German unification? What were the other factors which contributed to it?
5. Analyse the historical situation leading upto the First World War, with special emphasis on the economic relations and imperial rivalries.

#### Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

6. Can the Treaty of Versailles be labeled as a 'diktat' (dictated peace) for the Germans?
7. 'The Russian Revolution of 1917 was a single revolution which developed two phases.' Elucidate.
8. Critically examine the main objectives and features of the foreign policy of Nazi Germany.