

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2006 (Optional Papers)

HISTORY

Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

Group - A

Answer *any three* questions

1. Why and how did Martin Luther revolt against the Pope of Rome? Was there any nationalist motive behind his protest?
2. What were the major principles of Bismarck's diplomacy? How far and why Kaiser William II change the policy of Bismarck? What were its results?
3. Was Alexander II really a "Tsar- the Liberator"?
4. Give a critical estimate of the "Treaty of Versailles". Was it a "dictated peace"?
5. How would you explain the rise of Hitler and growth of Nazi movement?

Or, How would you explain the rise of dictatorships in Europe in the aftermath of the First World War?

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

6. In how many ways was the "English Revolution" of 1688 glorious?
7. Was the Vienna Settlement (1815) marked by reaction and betrayal?
8. Explain the Bolshevik Ideology. Assess Lenin's role in the formation of a Socialist State in Russia.