

2023

HISTORY

PAPER-II

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

Full Marks — 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

*Answers may be given either in **English** or in **Bengali** but all answers must be in one and same language.*

Group-A

Answer Question No. 1 and *any two* from the rest.

1. Answer *any one*:

- (a) What was the Subsidiary Alliance? How did it contribute in the rise of the East India Company to political dominance in the Subcontinent? 20
- (b) How did the British revenue settlements serve to change the nature of agrarian land-ownership in the Indian Countryside? 20
- (c) Write an essay on the nature of the uprising of 1857. 20
- 2. Analyse the circumstances in which nationalism emerged as a major factor in the political life of India in the second half of the nineteenth century. 40
- 3. Assess the contribution of Gandhi in India's freedom movement. 40
- 4. Write an essay on the integration of princely states into the Indian Union. 40

Group-B

Answer Question No. 5 and *any two* from the rest.

5. Answer *any one*:

- (a) Give an account of the administrative reforms of Napoleon. Is it fair to say that he only partially consolidated the gains from the French Revolution? 15+5
- (b) German unification was the result as much of coal and iron as it was of blood and iron. —Comment. 20
- (c) What were the factors that facilitated industrialisation in British economy in England during the eighteenth century. 20
- 6. Why did the Sarajevo killing in July 1914 result in the outbreak of the First World War? 40
- 7. Write an essay on the emergence of fascism as a political force in Europe during the inter-war era. 40
- 8. What caused the Cold War – ideological differences between the two superpowers, or conflict of interests between them? 40