

2021

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 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* question:

- (a) Analyse the historical backdrop to the battle of Plassey. What was its impact? 15+5=20
- (b) Was the notion of de-industrialization during British rule a myth? 20
- (c) What was the role of political associations in fostering political consciousness in India before the birth of Indian National Congress? 20

- 2. Analyse the origins and impact of the Permanent Settlement in Bengal. 20+20=40
- 3. Assess Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar's contributions to Bengali society. 40
- 4. What led to the Partition of India? 40

Group-B

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

5. Answer *any one* question :

- (a) Write a critical note on the American War of Independence (1776). 20
- (b) Comment on the nature of industrialization in Russia. 20
- (c) Assess the role of the UNO in the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis. 20

- 6. What led to the scramble for colonies in the second half of the nineteenth century? 40
- 7. How would you explain the origins of the Cold War? 40
- 8. Analyse the origins and growth of Apartheid in South Africa. How did it come to end? 30+10=40