
QUESTION PAPER

SECTIONAL TEST- V (MODERN INDIA)

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Time Allowed: 105 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 150

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There are FOUR questions in this paper.

Candidate has to attempt THREE questions in all.

Question No. 1 is compulsory and out of the remaining, TWO are to be attempted.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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SECTION A

Q.1 Answer the following in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

- (a) "The Subsidiary Alliance System was the Trojan-horse-tactics in Empire building." Explain. [10 Marks]
- (b) "Education policy introduced by British in India was used as a tool to buttress and perpetuate colonial rule." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (c) "The Battle of Buxar was more important for British than the Battle of Plassey." Justify this statement. [10 Marks]
- (d) "The Charter Act of 1813 was an important benchmark in the push towards westernisation of India." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (e) "Haider was born to create an empire, Tipu to lose one." Critically examine this statement. [10 Marks]

Q.2

- (a) What do you understand by the element of "reverse acculturation" in British Orientalism in India? To what extent Orientalism was aimed at producing a knowledge of the past to meet the requirements of the present? [20 Marks]
- (b) What was the genesis of Ryotwari settlement in Madras Presidency? Rather than helping them, how it put the cultivators in great distress? [20 Marks]
- (c) Do you agree with the view that the Revolt of 1857 was elitist in nature? Justify your answer. [10 Marks]

Q.3

- (a) "The religious reform movements of 19th century was not separated from the social reform movements and were endeavours to recast the old religion (Hinduism) into a new form suited to meet the needs of the new society." Elaborate. [20 Marks]
- (b) "I shall govern in name, but it will be you who govern in fact":- Bentick to Jeremy Bentham. Explain this statement. [20 Marks]
- (c) "Though the peasant and tribal uprisings of the early colonial period have been looked at in different ways, these uprisings cannot be called apolitical acts." Elucidate. [10 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) What factors contributed to the British success in the Carnatic Wars? How these Wars proved boon for the British? [20 Marks]
- (b) "It was the British intrude who broke up the Indian handloom and destroyed the spinning wheel."- Karl Marx.

In the light of the above statement, discuss how the changes caused by the establishment of British rule in India led to the decline of the Indian handicraft industry. [20 Marks]

(c) "The Widow Remarriage Movement of Vidyasagar ended in an unavoidable defeat." Comment.
[10 Marks]

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