
QUESTION PAPER

SECTIONAL TEST- VIII (WORLD HISTORY)

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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: $10 \times 5 = 50$

- (a) "The First World War was a tragedy of miscalculation." Comment. [10 Marks]
- (b) "The events in Prague, together with the Berlin blockade, convinced the European recipients of American economic assistance that they needed military protection as well: that led them to request the creation of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization." Analyse this statement. [10 Marks]
- (c) "The heart of the lamb of Czechoslovakia was butchered in the midnight by a knife supplied by Chamberlin." Elucidate. [10 Marks]
- (d) Delineate the colonisation of Australia by Britain from late 18th century to early 19th century. [10 Marks]
- (e) "The situation after the Second World War was such that Europeans had to work together for more unity among themselves." Comment. [10 Marks]

Q.2

- (a) "The Washington Conference temporarily ironed out differences among the powers over the Far Eastern Question but unwittingly it increased the power of Japan in the Far East." Elaborate. [20 Marks]
- (b) "The interwar period for Egypt was the period of British imperialism and rise of nationalism." Discuss. [20 Marks]
- (c) Consider the view that if Gorbachev had followed different policies, the USSR could have survived, in the same way that communism survived in China. [10 Marks]

Q.3

- (a) "Without de Gaulle's masterly handling of the situation, the Algerian crisis would probably have plunged France into civil war." How far would you agree with this verdict on President de Gaulle's contribution to the events leading to Algerian independence? [20 Marks]
- (b) "Making peace settlement after the First World War at Paris Peace Conference involved clash of interests of allied powers as well as difference in personalities of their leaders." Explain with examples. [20 Marks]
- (c) "Berlin Conference was not "the International Society for the Suppression of Savage Customs" but a peaceful formalization of the Scramble for Africa." Critically analyse this statement. [10 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) How accurate is it to talk about a 'thaw' in the Cold War in the years after 1953? Discuss with examples. [20 Marks]
- (b) "Internece conflicts among member countries had diminished the role of the Non-Alignment Movement in world affairs." Elucidate. [20 Marks]
- (c) "A well motivated Italian invasion of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in October 1935 demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the League." Comment. [10 Marks]