

IAS Mains History 1993

Paper II

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:
 - a. 'The permanent system of Bengal though initiated with best of best of intentions, was a sadly blundering affairs.'
 - b. 'The treaty of Bassein, by its direct and indirect operations, gave the Company the Empire of India.'
 - c. 'The nationalist political movements for liberation such as the non-cooperation and civil disobedience movements and their leadership depended heavily on the peasantry.'
 - d. 'Mountbatten's task was, therefore, merely to work out details and effect the partition, demanded by the League and accepted by both British Government and the Congress; and this the new Viceroy moved commandingly to perform.'
2. What kind of administrative change was introduced in India under the East India Company?
3. Explain the British policy of 'Subordinate union' of Indian States with British India from 1858 to 1905. How did the Government of India implement this policy during this period?
4. To what extent did the socio-religious movements contribute to the emancipation of women in the 19th century?

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:
 - a. 'The scale, splendour and organized power of the monarchy of Louis XIV were something new in Europe.'
 - b. 'For a tired and timid generation Metternich was the necessary man.'
 - c. 'The Treaty of Versailles was merely an armistice for twenty years.'
 - d. 'The Manchurian crisis decided the fate of the league of Nations.'
6. Assess the intellectual quickening which occurred in Europe in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. How did it influence modern society and civilization?
7. What were the obstacles to Italian unification till 1852? How and with what methods was the unification of Italy achieved?
8. Arab Nationalism and Oil-these were the principal factors complicating the relations of the West Asian countries with the outside world. Do you agree?