

IAS Mains History 1997

Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours Maximum marks: 300

Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory, and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:
 - a. The British conquered India in a fit of absent mindedness.
 - b. The Permanent settlement was a bold, brave and wise measures.
 - c. Curzon's partition of Bengal gave the unwitting initiative to events of magnitude and returned many years later to port with the cargo of freedom.
 - d. India broke her British fetters with western hammers.
2. The 19th century Indian renaissance was both an acceptance and rejection of western values. Do you agree?
3. Tribal movements should be viewed as History from below. Discuss the objects and nature of the movements in 19th century India.
4. Account for the rise and growth of leftism in the Congress movement. What impact did it have on contemporary Indian politics?

Section B

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:
 - a. The Peace of Westphalia the reign of theology over the European mind and left the road obstructed but passable for the tentatives of reason.
 - b. If monarchical misrule ignited the French revolution, lofty ideas both inspired and sustained it.
 - c. The Bill of Rights (1688) set the seal on Parliamentary supremacy in England.
 - d. The unification of Italy completed... The destruction of the European order.
6. Isolation of France constituted the keystone of Bismarck's foreign policy. Elucidate.
7. President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal had the wit to start the political economy in a fresh, more promising direction. Do you agree?
8. Trace the growth of militarism in Japan in the inter-war years. What international reaction did it provoke?