

GENERAL STUDIES

Paper – II

Full Marks – 150

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

INSTRUCTIONS :

Two Separate answer scripts will be given, one for PART-I and another for PART-II. Answers must be written either in English or in Bengali. It must not be answered partly in English and partly in Bengali. This instruction should be followed scrupulously.

PART – I

Marks – 100

SECTION – A

1. Four options are given against each of the following questions (Q. Nos. 1-20). Select the best/correct option from among the four options and write it in the answer script. One example is given :

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(c) the 2nd October, every year

(d) None of these

Answer : (a) the 15th August, every year.

1×20=20

(i) Who among the following is a Nationalist historian ?

(a) John Gallagher (b) R. C. Majumdar

(c) Ranajit Guha (d) None of these

(ii) Which of the following was not a cause of the Great Revolt of 1857 ?

(a) Spread and promotion of Western education

(b) Ruin of Indian industries

(c) Annexation of Burma and Assam

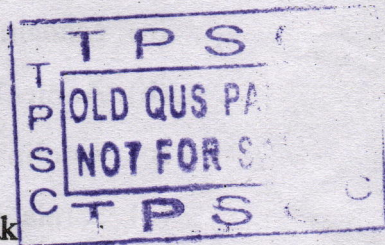
(d) Imposition of Ryotwari Settlement.

(iii) Where was the first conference of the Indian National Congress held on 28th December, 1885 ?

(a) Poona (b) Bombay

(c) Madras (d) Calcutta

- (iv) 'Neel-darpan' by Dinabandhu Mitra portrays the plight of
- (a) Bengali artisans (b) Landless peasants
(c) Indigo farmers (d) Mill workers
- (v) Which movement had to be withdrawn after the Chauri-Chaura incident ?
- (a) Khilafat
(b) Moplah
(c) Non-cooperation
(d) Quit India.
- (vi) The All India Muslim League was established on 30th December, 1906 by
- (a) Syed Ahmed (b) Zaha Ullah
(c) Mohsin-ul-Mulk (d) Nawab Salimullah
- (vii) Who was the first President of the All India Trade Union Congress ?
- (a) Lala Lajpat Rai
(b) Bipin Chandra Pal
(c) Muzaffar Ahmed
(d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak



(viii) Mahatma Gandhi's remark of "a post dated cheque on a Crumbling Bank" was regarding the proposals of

- (a) Cabinet Mission
- (b) Mountbatten Plan
- (c) Simon Commission
- (d) Cripps Mission

(ix) Who led the 'Rani of Jhansi' regiment of the Indian National Army ?

- (a) Rani Laxmibai
- (b) Laxmi Sehgal
- (c) Latika Ghosh
- (d) Pritilata Wadeddar

(x) Who led a delegation to London to meet the secretary of State Montagu to demand female franchise ?

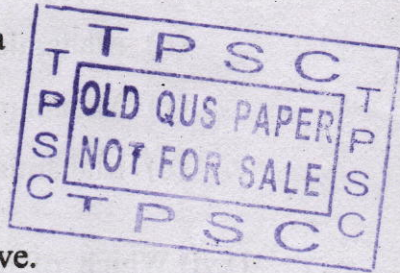
- (a) Madame Cama
- (b) Annie Besant
- (c) Sarojini Naidu
- (d) Sarala Devi

(xi) The first Political Agent was appointed in Tripura during the reign of

- (a) Maharaja Ishan chandra Manikya
- (b) Maharaja Bir chandra Manikya
- (c) Maharaja Radha kishore Manikya
- (d) None of them.

(xii) Arrange the following kings of Tripura according to their correct chronological order (from oldest to newest)

- (i) Krishna Manikya
 - (ii) Krishnakishore Manikya
 - (iii) Amar Manikya
 - (iv) Govinda Manikya
- (a) (ii)-(iii)-(iv)-(i)
 - (b) (iii)-(iv)-(ii)-(i)
 - (c) (iii)-(iv)-(i)-(ii)
 - (d) None of the above.



(xiii) Among the following Maharaja's of Tripura to whom Rabindranath Tagore wrote his maiden letter ?

- (a) Maharaja Radhakishore Manikya
- (b) Maharaja Krishna Kishore Manikya
- (c) Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya
- (d) Maharaja Birchandra Manikya

(xiv) During whose reign was the official newspaper, 'Tripura State Gazette' first published ?

- (a) Maharaja Bir Chandra Manikya
- (b) Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya
- (c) Maharaja Radhakishore Manikya
- (d) Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya

(xv) Which Manikya king was a distinguished member of the chamber of Princes ?

- (a) Maharaja Bir Chandra Manikya
- (b) Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya
- (c) Maharaja Radhakishore Manikya
- (d) Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya

(xvi) Which of the following was not a literary work of Kalidasa ?

- (a) Abhigyan Shakuntalam
- (b) Malavika Agnimitra
- (c) Raghuvansham
- (d) Mudrarakshasa

(xvii) Which of the following was written in Pali Language ?

- (a) Kumarapalacharita
- (b) Buddhacharita
- (c) Navashashankacharita
- (d) Ramacharita

(xviii) Where in Tripura was a 9th century A.D. colossal image of Avalokitesvara found ?

- (a) Unahuti
- (b) Boxanagar
- (c) Amarpur
- (d) Pilak

(xix) Which dynasty built the Chariot temples at Mahabalipuram ?

- (a) Cholas
- (b) Pallavas
- (c) Pandyas
- (d) Chalukyas

(xx) Pushpabanta palace was built during the reign of which king ?

- (a) Maharaja Bir Chandra Manikya
- (b) Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya
- (c) Maharaja Radhakishore Manikya
- (d) Maharaja Bikram Manikya.

SECTION - B

2. Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

(i) The Great Revolt of 1857 was an important 'Watershed' in evolution of British Policies towards Colonial India — Explain.

(ii) What role did the Moderates play in the formative stage of the Indian National Congress ?

(iii) How did Jyotiba Phule influence the Dalit Movement of Maharashtra ?

(iv) Briefly analyse Subhas Chandra Bose's contribution to the National Movement of India.

(v) What was the impact of Press on Indian Nationalism in the nineteenth century ?

3. Answer any *one* question : 5×1=5

(i) Discuss the causes of the Jamatia Revolt (1813).

(ii) Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya is considered as architect of the modern Tripura, Explain.

4. Answer any *three* questions : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (i) Assess the significance of the growth of Persian and Hindi languages during the medieval period.
- (ii) What were the salient features of Mughal architecture ?
- (iii) What do you know about Rabindranath Tagore's relationship with the Manikya kings of Tripura.
- (iv) How is the 'Tribeg' style of art reflected in the temple architecture of Tripura.

5. Answer any *two* questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (i) Quit India Movement was the most different from all other Gandhian mass movements. Give reasons.
- (ii) Trace the circumstances leading to the armed peasant uprising in Telengana. Assess its significance in contemporary Indian Politics. $5 + 5 = 10$
- (iii) What led to the naval mutiny (1946)? Discuss the reaction of the various political parties regarding the mutiny. $5 + 5 = 10$

6. Answer any *one* question : $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (i) Why was a Political Agent posted in Tripura ?

- (ii) Discuss the various reform measures undertaken by the enlightened ruler of Tripura, Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya (1909 –1923 A.D).

7. Answer any *one* question : $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (i) Name any two exponents of Bhakti Movement. Explain the impact of this movement on the socio-religious history of contemporary India. $2+8=10$

- (ii) Describe the chief features of Pallava art and architecture.

PART – II

Marks – 50

SECTION – A

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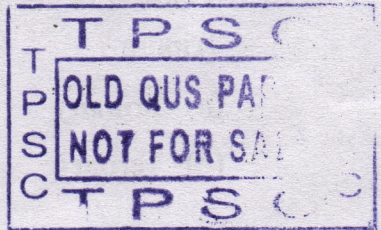
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- (i) During winter season North-Western part of India receives snow and rain due to
- (a) local disturbances
 - (b) western disturbances
 - (c) retreating monsoon
 - (d) S W Monsoon
- (ii) Which of the following soil is most suitable for the cultivation of cotton in India?
- (a) Red soil
 - (b) Laterite soil
 - (c) Alluvial soil
 - (d) Regur soil
- (iii) What is the nomenclature for the seasonal movement of people with their animals between high land and low land areas in the Himalayan area?
- (a) Pastoralism
 - (b) Trans-humance
 - (c) Nomadism
 - (d) Ranching



(iv) Folding of the Himalayas occurred in which era ?

- (a) Palaeozoic
- (b) Mesozoic
- (c) Caenozoic
- (d) Azoic

(v) Consider the following pairs :

- (i) Kakrapar : Tamil Nadu
- (ii) Kalapakkam : Karnataka
- (iii) Narora : Uttar Pradesh

Which of pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?

- (a) (i) and (ii) only
- (b) (iii) only
- (c) (i) and (iii) only
- (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)

(vi) Which sector of the economy is the largest contributor to the gross domestic product of Tripura ?

- (a) Primary
- (b) Secondary
- (c) Tertiary
- (d) Quarternary

(vii) Jarimura Peak belongs to which mountain ?

- (a) Devtamura (b) Jampui
(c) Atharamura (d) Shakan

(viii) Which river flows as the border between Tripura & Mizoram ?

- (a) Longai (b) Gomati
(c) Juri (d) Howrah

(ix) Anokia, Tandugia and Mangla belong to which major tribal group of Tripura ?

- (a) Chakma (b) Jamatia
(c) Halam (d) Reang

(x) Following crops are cultivated in Tripura :

- (i) Paddy (ii) Oil Seeds
(iii) Rubber (iv) Tea

Identify, which of the following are the plantation crops.

- (a) Paddy and Oil Seeds
(b) Paddy and Tea
(c) Oil seeds and Rubber
(d) Tea and Rubber.

SECTION - B

2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :

5×2=10

- (i) Write a note on non-conventional sources of energy in India.
- (j) Give reasons for declining child sex ratio in India.
- (k) Eco-tourism in India.

3. Briefly explain any *two* of the following :

5×2=10

- (i) Drainage of Tripura
- (ii) Shifting cultivation in Tripura
- (iii) Power Resources of Tripura

4. Answer any *two* of the following : 10×2=20

- (i) Discuss the role of Indian monsoon on the agro-economy of the country.
- (ii) Give an account of the nuclear power resources and its utilization in India.
- (iii) Explain the causes and consequences of present trend of population growth in India.

