

2013

HISTORY**Paper : V**

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer any six questions.**

1. Make a critical review of the 'eighteenth century debate' in Indian history. 15
2. Was there any transformation in the agrarian structure of India under the 'imperial impact' of the nineteenth century? 15
3. What impact did mercantilism have on British economic policy in Bengal? 15
4. 'Drain of wealth was a myth' – do you agree? 15
5. Compare the land revenue settlements introduced by the British in different parts of India. 15

[Turn over]

6. Critically examine regional variations of de-industrialization in colonial India. 15
7. Did commercialisation of Indian agriculture help the rise of rich peasants? 15
8. How did the British forest policy affect Indian ecology and environment? 15
9. Was agrarian stagnation responsible for famines in colonial India? 15
10. Trace the main trends in price movement during the second half of the nineteenth century in India. 15
11. Did the external trade of India change significantly after the First World War? 15
12. Discuss the trends of protest movements of the industrial labour force in colonial India. 15

2014

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1. How do the revisionist historians counter the nationalist approach to the economic history of colonial India? 15
2. Did pre-colonial Indian economy have any potentiality for capitalist growth? 15
3. How was the indigenous banking system challenged by the Europeans in early nineteenth century? 15
4. Was there any change in the commodity pattern of Indian trade under colonial impact? 15
5. How was the land structure of eastern India transformed after the Permanent Settlement? 15

[Turn over]

6. "De-industrialisation was a myth" – do you agree? 15
7. Was the 'Railways' forerunner of modern industries of India? 15
8. Was the fiscal policy of British India after 1858 discriminatory in nature? Was there any policy of imperial preference? 10+5
9. Did the landlords of colonial India change their rent-policy after introduction of new tenancy policy of the government in the late nineteenth century? 15
10. How did Indian industries develop between the two World Wars? Could a new Indian capitalist class rise during the period? 10+5
11. Write an essay on the changing composition of Indian industrial labour in the 1st half of the twentieth century. 15
12. Did 'de-urbanisation' take place in colonial India? 15

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2015

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Answer any six questions.

1. Was the village system in India before the coming of colonial rule 'self-sustained'? 15
2. How did inland private trade by the English in Bengal contribute to the deterioration of their relations with Mir Kasim? 15
3. Describe briefly the conditions of the cotton weavers in Bengal following the battle of Plassey. 15
4. How did the nationalist economists develop the theory of Drain of Wealth? 15
5. What do you mean by 'commercialisation of agriculture'? What effect did it have on the rural economy of Bengal? 5+10

[Turn over]

6. How did forest policy in India evolve under colonial rule? 15
7. Write a short note on the famine policy of the British Administration in India. 15
8. What were the major areas of British investment in India during the period 1858-1905? 15
9. How did the state intervene in the relations of the peasants with landlord and money-lenders during the second half of the nineteenth century? 15
10. How would you explain the difference in the growth of indigenous industries in Bengal between 1858-1905 from that in Bombay and Gujrat? 15
11. Was there any change in the industrial policy of the British Government in India after the First World War? 15
12. Review the growth of industrial labour in India between the two World Wars. 15

2016

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Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer any six questions.**

1. Did the pre-colonial economy of 18th century India have any potentialities for capitalist change? 15
2. Did the mercantile interests of the English East India Company mould their attitude towards the Bengal Nawabs in the mid-18th century? 15
3. How was the internal commerce of Bengal re-organized under the impact of European trade in the late 18th and early 19th centuries? 15
4. Was there a structural revolution in the rural agrarian economy of Bengal after introduction of the Permanent Settlement (1793)? 15
5. Was 'de-industrialization' a myth in colonial India? 15

[Turn over]

6. In which manner did the handicraft industry undergo a transition in colonial India? 15
7. Explain the causes of famines in India between 1858 and 1910. 15
8. Do you think that the "Railways were the forerunner of modern Industry" in India? 15
9. Trace the growth of modern industries in India after the First World War. Which was the leading sector in that industrial growth.? 10+5
10. Write an essay on the tariff policy of India between 1915 and 1935. 15
11. Which major changes do you find in the composition of external trade of 20th century India under imperial impact? 15
12. How was the national income assessed after 1858? 15

2017

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Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

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Answer any six questions.

1. How did the imperialist historians of 19th century Europe analyse the nature and structure of Indian economy of the 18th century? 15
2. Do you agree with the nationalist theory of the "Drain of Wealth"? Explain its mechanism and magnitude. 6+9
3. Did the Ryotwari Settlement help the growth of the rich peasantry in India? 15
4. What do you mean by the 'commercialization of agriculture'? What was its impact on Indian rural economy? 6+9
5. Discuss the major aspects of colonial forest policy in India. How did it affect ecology and economy? 9+6

[Turn over]

6. Do you think that unification and subjugation of the Indian market were an inevitable consequence of the imposition of railway network in the 19th century?
15
7. Explain how the commodity pattern of Indian external trade changed in late 19th and early 20th centuries?
15
8. Why was the growth of modern industries delayed in colonial India? How can you explain accumulation of indigenous capital mostly in the western part of the country?
6+9
9. What was the impact of price movement on the landlords' rent in post-1857 India?
15
10. Trace the development of trade union movement among industrial labourers of India in the first half of the 20th century.
15
11. Was there any significant shift in the Tariff Policy of India after the First World War? How did it affect the fortunes of Indian large industries?
6+9
12. Explain the concept of de-urbanization with reference to the trends in colonial economy of India.
15