

CSM – 39/17
History
Paper – II

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

*Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. No. 5 from Section – B which are compulsory and any **three** of the remaining questions selecting at least **one** from each Section.*

SECTION – A

1. Comment on any **three** of the following statements in about **200** words each :

20×3 = 60

- (a) The Permanent System of Bengal though initiated with best of intentions was a sadly blundering affair.
- (b) The tragedy of Curzon lay in that, with such an abundance of trained talent ; he was denied the crowing qualities. He was never an administrator of the first rank.

(c) Please remember in granting separate electorates, we are sowing dragon's teeth and the harvest will be bitter.

(d) Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress Party developed the philosophy of militant non-violence to oppose British rule of India after World War-I and to lessen oppression of the Indian poor by the Indian rich. By 1929 Gandhi had succeeded in transforming the Congress Party from a narrow middle class party into a mass independence movement.

2. Examine critically how did the socio-religious reform movements contribute to the emancipation of women in Nineteenth Century. 60
3. Review the aims of the Moderates in the Congress. Do you believe because of their approach Extremism appeared at the national level ? 60
4. Discuss how did Subhash Chandra Bose contribute to the national movement and with what consequence. 60

SECTION – B

5. Comment on any **three** of the following statements in about **200** words each :

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- (a) Regarding Napoleon's rise to power, it looks, as if everyone had been waiting for me. A while back would have been too soon. Tomorrow would have been too late. I have come at right moment.
- (b) For a tired and timid generation, Metternich was a necessary man and it was his misfortune that he survived his usefulness and failed to recognise that while he himself was growing old and feeble, the world was renewing its youth.
- (c) Germany is looking not to Prussia's liberalism, but to her power. The great questions of the day will not be decided by speeches and majority resolutions (that was the blunder of 1848 and 1849), but by blood and iron.

(d) As the father of the Bolshevik revolution and the creator of new Russia Lenin will ever occupy a prominent place in the pages of History. He had driving force, iron will and a fanatical faith in Communism, combined with a keen sense of a political expediency.

6. The French Revolution attacked privilege not property. Discuss how did the French Revolution sought to realise the idea of equality. 60
7. In your opinion the Socialist Industrialization of Soviet was successful. Was it possible to avoid it? If yes, how? 60
8. Examine the causes responsible for the quick collapse of the Soviet Union. Describe about its effects on the world order. 60

