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SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JULY 2009

History

Paper I—PROCESSES OF WORLD HISTORY – MEDIEVAL PERIOD

(2004 admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Multiple Choice Questions)

*Answer **all** questions, choosing the correct answer from the options given.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Pontage was a payment for _____
(a) Taking goods across a bridge. (b) Agricultural labour.
(c) Domestic labour. (d) Enjoying religious freedom.
2. The German ruler who was forced to abdicate the throne by Pope Gregory VII was _____
(a) William I. (b) Frederick I.
(c) Henry. (d) Frederick II.
3. Seljuk Turks conquered Jerusalem in _____
(a) 1066. • (b) 1076.
(c) 1079. (d) 1082.
4. Gothic architecture was introduced by _____
(a) French. (b) Spanish.
(c) Italians. (d) English.
5. Roger Bacon was a _____
(a) Rationalist. (b) Bishop.
(c) Painter. (d) Sculptor.
6. The Mongol ruler who asked for Christian missionaries was _____
(a) Chengiz Khan. (b) Kubla Khan.
(c) Tamarlane. (d) None of them.
7. _____ was the King of England who signed the Magna Carta in 1215 A.D.
(a) Richard. (b) Stephen.
(c) John I. (d) John II.
8. Omar Khayyam authored _____
(a) *Gulistan*. (b) *Rubaiyat*.
(c) *Shahnama*. (d) None of the above.

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9. Hanseatic League was an association of _____
 (a) English sea pirates. (b) German merchants.
 (c) French peasants. (d) English seamen.
10. The historian who attributed population as a factor to the decline of feudalism :
 (a) Marc Bloch. (b) Henri Perenne.
 (c) Maurice Dobb. (d) K.N. Choudhuri.

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Section B (Short Essays)

*Answer any eight questions.
 Each question carries 5 marks.*

11. Write about the theory of oriental despotism.
12. Discuss the characteristics of medieval Caliphate.
13. 'The economic development of the Saracenic civilization remains to this day one of the marvels of history'. Explain.
14. Discuss the conflict between Church and state with special reference to Germany.
15. Attempt an account of the Visconti family of Milan.
16. Summarise Paul Sweezy's critique of Maurice Dobb.
17. Examine the causes of Hundred Years' War.
18. Assess the significance of the role of Indian Ocean in medieval Europe.
19. Analyse the outcome of Crusades.
20. Attempt an account of medieval law in Eastern Europe.
21. Discuss the contribution of Peter Abelard of Paris University to the birth of age of reason.
22. Critically analyse the impact of Muslim rule in Spain.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)

Section C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions.
 Each question carries 15 marks.*

23. Describe the evolution of state in Arabia.
24. Trace the origin and growth of nationality during the Middle Ages.
25. Attempt an essay highlighting different perspectives of historians on the decline of Feudalism in Europe.
26. Trace the stages through which the discovery of new sea routes progressed in early Modern Europe.

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)