

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JULY 2009

History

Paper II—CONTEMPORARY INDIA—PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS

(2004 Admissions and later)

Time : Three Hours _____

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Multiple Choice)

*Answer all questions.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. The term Non-Alignment was used first by :
(a) Nasser. (b) Tito.
(c) Nkrumah. (d) Nehru.
2. When did Lal Bahadur Shastri become Prime Minister ?
(a) 1964. (b) 1963.
(c) 1972. (d) 1966.
3. Congress Party was reduced to a minority for the first time since independence was :
(a) in the Fifth Lok Sabha Elections.
(b) in the Sixth Lok Sabha Elections.
(c) in the Fourth Lok Sabha Elections.
(d) in the Seventh Lok Sabha Elections.
4. Diego Garcia is :
(a) the name of an island in the Indian Ocean when the US tried to establish her naval base since 1974.
(b) the name of a commander who died in the Bangladesh War.
(c) the name of the expert in the Constituent Assembly.
(d) the name of a person linked with Environmental movements.
5. Simla Agreement was signed in :
(a) 1971. (b) 1972.
(c) 1975. (d) 1965.
6. After the emergency which party came to power :
(a) Janata Party. (b) Bharatiya Janata Party.
(c) Indian National Congress. (d) Congress Socialist Party.

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7. **Medha Patkar** is linked with :
- (a) Protest moves against the construction of Narmada Dam.
 - (b) the construction programmes of Narmada Dam.
 - (c) Protest moves against air-pollution.
 - (d) the Rehabilitation programmes for the mentally disabled.
8. When the crown paramountcy lapsed the State of Jammu and Kashmir :
- (a) had already acceded to India.
 - (b) had already acceded to Pakistan.
 - (c) did not accede to either India or Pakistan.
 - (d) was retained by the British as its colony.
9. The Tashkent Declaration temporarily settled the disputes :
- (a) between India and Pakistan.
 - (b) between India and China.
 - (c) between India and US.
 - (d) between Pakistan and Bangladesh.
10. The competence of Nehru in handling the foreign affairs of India was questioned for the first time after :
- (a) the failure in settling the Kashmir issue.
 - (b) the Afghan crisis.
 - (c) the aggression of India by the Chinese.
 - (d) India being a member of UN.

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Section B (Short Essays)

*Answer **any eight** out of the twelve questions.
Each question carries 5 marks.*

- 11. How successful were the **third and fourth** Five-Year Plans ?
- 12. Give your comments on **Indo-Pak Relations**.
- 13. **Account for the rise of Dalit consciousness.**
- 14. **Trace the developments that led to the** rise of Hindu Politics.
- 15. Write a critical note on Women movements.
- 16. Highlight the achievements **made in** the literacy and education sectors.
- 17. Critically examine the nature of foreign relations that evolved after the fall of Soviet Union.

18. How the contemporary India addresses the problems of Regional imbalances and unevenness of development ?
19. Evaluate the Developmental strategies followed in the contemporary India.
20. How is India economically affected by globalisation ?
21. Review the major strategies of environmental movements.
22. Give your views on the formation of states on the basis of language.

5 = 40 marks)

Section C (Essays)

*Answer any **two** of the following.
Each question carries **15** marks.*

23. Trace the developments that led to the declaration of emergency and highlight its impact on Indian polity.
24. Critically examine the nature of India's relation with other countries.
25. How successful were the Five-Year Plan programmes of India ?
26. Show how communalism emerged in Society and Politics.

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)