

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 :

Example : The Independence Day in India is celebrated on

- (a) the 15th August, every year
- (b) the 26th January, every year

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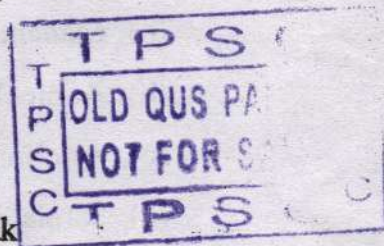
- (c) the 2nd October, every year
- (d) None of these

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- (v) Which movement had to be withdrawn after the Chauri-Chaura incident ?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 ?

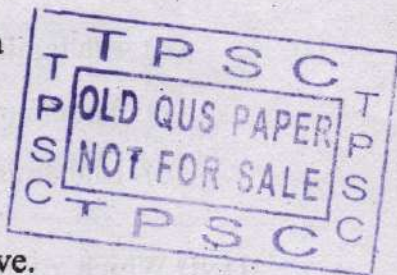
- (a) Madame Cama
- (b) Annie Besant
- (c) Sarojini Naidu
- (d) Sarala Devi

(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) Amarapur
- (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 :

5×3=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 :

10×2=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 :

10×1=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 : 10×1=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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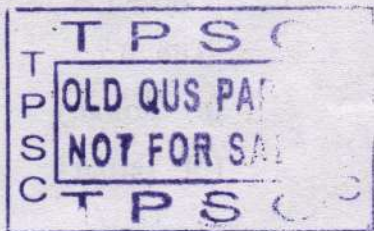
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- (i) During winter season North-Western part of India receives snow and rain due to
- (a) local disturbances
 - (b) western disturbances
 - (c) retreating monsoon
 - (d) S W Monsoon
- (ii) Which of the following soil is most suitable for the cultivation 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.

