

JL – 21/14

History

Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 200

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Answer any five questions.

1. How does the **Itihasa-Purana** tradition compare with the western ideas of objectivity and can they be used as reliable sources in the reconstruction of Indian History ? 40
2. What was the role of agriculture and iron in the rise of Mesopotamian civilization ? 40
3. How does the decline and rise of towns in Medieval Europe link with the concept of Feudalism ? Examine with reference to Henri Perenne and Karl Marx. 40
4. In what ways did the French revolution signal a total break with the past ? How do we account for the rise of Napoleon and the rule of Royalty ? 40

ZK – 21/1

(Turn over)

5. How did the scramble for the colonies lead to the colonization of Africa ? 40
6. The rise of Nazism and Fascism was largely due to economic and military failures of Germany and Italy. Comment. 40
7. Describe the emergence of the 'Cold War' in Asia after the World War – II and analyze the main causes for the Cold War. 40
8. Trace the rise of ASEAN and account for its success. 40
9. The military success of Mao Tse Tung was mainly because of his support from the peasantry and the role of Japan in igniting Chinese Nationalism. How far can we justify the above statement ? 40
10. Trace the rise of bi-polar world and the role of UN in this scenario. 40

