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OPSC OAS

Previous Year Paper
Mains 2019 (History)
Paper-II



CSM – 39/19

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 critically on any **three** of the following statements in about 200 words each : 20×3 = 60
 - (a) The system of a “Sponsored” Indian State, controlled but not administered, was the one Clive had in mind for Bengal.
 - (b) With the death of Nana Fadnavis, departed all the wisdom and moderation of the Maratha Government.

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- (c) The Vernacular Press Act was described as a retrograde and ill-conceived measure, injurious to the future progress of India.
- (d) Curzon was perhaps the ablest Viceroy that England had till then sent to rule over India. In India Curzon became the most hated person.
2. The introduction of the 'concept of private property in land' turned land into a market economy. Discuss. 60
3. Make an assessment of the contribution of Subhash Chandra Bose to the freedom of India. 60
4. (a) Critically assess the merits and demerits of policy of 'non-alignment' for post-Independence India. 40
- (b) Discuss the Orissa Famine of 1866. 20

SECTION – B

5. Comment on any **three** of the following in about 200 words each : $20 \times 3 = 60$
- (a) Capitalism depended on the internal order established by Absolutism.

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- (b) The 'Slave-Sugar Complex' was the bridge over which European Civilization crossed from the Old World to the New for the first time.
- (c) Bismark is a man who ranks in history as a great statesman and diplomat.
- (d) The colonial revolution of the twentieth century was much more than a colonial revolt.
6. The discovery of American continents, started a process of colonial expansion whose repercussions on the economies of Western Europe were considerable. Elaborate. 60
7. Indicate the main stages of the 'Scramble for Africa'. 60
8. Explain the emergence of the Two Blocs during the Cold War and its results on the world history. 60

