

[ENGLISH VERSION]

[Groups 'A' to 'E' are common for both **Regular** and **External** Candidates.
Group 'F' is meant only for **External** Candidates.]

(All questions of Group 'A' are compulsory.

Candidates should follow the alternatives in other groups.

Visually-challenged candidates will answer the alternative questions as per directive in Group 'B'. Others will attempt map pointing.)



Group 'A'



1. Choose the correct answer :

1×20=20

1.1 'A Grammar of the Bengal Language' composed by Halhed was printed at —

- (a) Calcutta (b) Serampore
(c) Hooghly (d) Dacca

1.2 The monthly Magazine 'Sandesh' was first published in —

- (a) 1896 A.D. (b) 1904 A.D.
(c) 1907 A.D. (d) 1913 A.D.

1.3 The 'Krishak Praja Party' was formed by —








- (a) Baba Ramchandra (b) Swami Sahajananda
(c) Moulana Bhasani (d) Fazlul Haque

1.4 Swami Vidyanda led the peasants' movement in Bihar during the —

- (a) Swadeshi movement (b) Non-Cooperation movement
(c) Civil Disobedience movement (d) Quit-India movement

1.5 Who among the following was associated with the Trade Union Movement in Bengal —

- (a) Lala Lajpat Rai (b) Aswini Kumar Dutta
(c) Aswini Kumar Bandyopadhyay (d) Aurobindo Ghosh

- 1.6 The person who led the Company's army to suppress the Kol Rebellion (1831-1832) was —
- (a) Capt. Rogers  (b) Capt. Scot 
(c) Capt. Wilkinson  (d) Major Williams 
- 1.7 The person known as the 'Nanasaheb of Bengal' was —
- (a) Harish Ch. Mukherjee (b) Kader Molla
(c) Rev. James Long (d) Ramratan Mallick
- 1.8 The first 'Viceroy' of Colonial India was —
- (a) Warren Hastings (b) Lord Bentinck
(c) Lord Canning (d) Lord Mountbatten
- 1.9 The person associated with the activities of the Bangabhasa Prakashika Sabha was —
- (a) Rammohan Roy  (b) Raja Radhakanta Deb
(c) Kalinath Roychoudhury  (d) Madanmohan Tarkalankar
- 1.10 The person associated with the book 'Birupbajra' was —
- (a) Ganendranath Tagore (b) Abanindranath Tagore
(c) Upendra Kishore Roychoudhury (d) Gaganendranath Tagore
- 1.11 The 'Bangalakshmir Bratakatha' was composed by —
- (a) Saraladevi Choudhurani (b) Ramendra Sundar Trivedi 
(c) Rabindranath Tagore (d) Abanindranath Tagore
- 1.12 The editor of the magazine 'Jayashree' was —
- (a) Lila Nag (b) Kalpana Dutta
(c) Basanti Devi (d) Lilabati Mitra

1.13 Surya Sen became a martyr in —

- (a) 1930 A.D. (b) 1932 A.D.
(c) 1933 A.D. (d) 1934 A.D.



1.14 The British Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act on —

- (a) June 4, 1946 A.D. (b) July 18, 1947 A.D.
(c) August 14, 1947 A.D. (d) August 15, 1947 A.D.

1.15 The Chairman of the State Reorganisation Commission (1953) was —

- (a) S. K. Dar (b) Ballavbhai Patel
(c) V. P. Menon (d) Fazl Ali

1.16 The first Bengali daily newspaper was —

- (a) Sambad Bhaskar (b) Sambad Koumudi
(c) Sambad Pravakar (d) Samachar Darpan

1.17 The 'Bangadarshan' was first published in —

- (a) 1780 A.D. (b) 1815 A.D.
(c) 1863 A.D. (d) 1872 A.D.



1.18 The Hindu Metropolitan College (1853) was founded by —

- (a) Debendranath Tagore (b) Radhakanta Dev
(c) Vidyasagar (d) Motilal Seal



1.19 The person, who donated land for the foundation of the Calcutta Medical College, was —

- (a) Dwarkanath Tagore (b) Baishnabcharan Seth
(c) David Hare (d) Motilal Seal



1.20 The editor of 'The Reformer' was —

- (a) Rammohan Roy (b) Debendranath Tagore
(c) Keshabchandra Sen (d) Prasanna Kumar Tagore

Group 'B'

2. Answer any **sixteen** questions, taking at least **one** from each sub-group : 1×16=16

Sub-group : 2.1



Identify which of the following is **True** or **False** : 1×4=4

- (2.1.1) Swami Sahajananda was a leader of the Bardauli movement.
- (2.1.2) Chittaranjan Das was the first President of the All India Trade Union Congress.
- (2.1.3) Krishna Kumar Mitra was the President of the Anti-Circular Society.
- (2.1.4) The All India Scheduled Caste Federation was founded by B. R. Ambedkar.



Sub-group : 2.2

Answer in **one** sentence : 1×4=4

- (2.2.1) Name a book on Local history.
- (2.2.2) In which year was the first railway communication system started in India ?
- (2.2.3) In which year the Calcutta Science College was founded ?
- (2.2.4) Which rebellion was led by Sui Munda ?



Sub-group : 2.3

Match **Column 'A'** with **Column 'B'** : 1×4=4

Column 'A'

- (2.3.1) Rev. Krishnamohan Banerjee
- (2.3.2) Vidyasagar
- (2.3.3) Minu Masani
- (2.3.4) Kalpana Dutta

Column 'B'

- (1) Congress Socialist Party
- (2) Indian Association
- (3) Revolutionary Activities
- (4) Women's Education



Sub-group : 2.4

On the given outline Map of India, locate and label the following places : 1×4=4

(2.4.1) Area of Kol Rebellion (1831-1832)

(2.4.2) Area of Santal Hool (1855-1856)

(2.4.3) A centre of the Great Revolt (1857) – Lucknow.

(2.4.4) A centre of the Great Revolt (1857) – Jhansi.



OR

(ONLY FOR VISUALLY-CHALLENGED CANDIDATES)

Fill in the blanks :

1×4=4

(2.4.1) The editor of the Hindu patriot was _____.

(2.4.2) Sidhu and Kanu were the leaders of the _____ Rebellion.

(2.4.3) The author of the 'Bartaman Bharat' was _____.

(2.4.4) The Indian Association was founded in _____ A.D.



Sub-group : 2.5

Select the correct interpretation of the following statements :

1×4=4

(2.5.1) Statement : The 'Hindu Patriot', an English weekly, was published from Calcutta in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Interpretation 1 : It was an organ of the Hindu revolutionaries.



Interpretation 2 : It was an organ of the neo-Hindu movement.

Interpretation 3 : It was a bold, independent and progressive newspaper.

(2.5.2) Statement : Emergence of the Young Bengal was an important event of the nineteenth century Bengal.

Interpretation 1 : English educated students of the nineteenth century Bengal were known as the Young Bengal.

Interpretation 2 : It was a group of the young students of Calcutta, formed by Derozio.

Interpretation 3 : The students of Derozio, a teacher of the Hindu College, were collectively known as the Young Bengal.

- (2.5.3) Statement : In the early nineteenth century the publishers of Bengal were dependent upon the pedlars to sell their books.
- Interpretation 1 : Selling of books was not regarded as a noble profession at that time.
- Interpretation 2 : Number of bookshops were very limited at that time.
- Interpretation 3 : At that time it was easier and cheaper way to reach maximum number of people through the pedlars.

- (2.5.4) Statement : The State of Junagarh was acceded to the Indian Union on January, 1949.
- Interpretation 1 : The ruler of the State of Junagarh opted to join the Indian Union.
- Interpretation 2 : The State of Junagarh was attacked and occupied by the Indian Army.
- Interpretation 3 : The people of Junagarh decided to join the Indian Union by a plebiscite.

Group 'C'

3. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (any eleven) : $2 \times 11 = 22$

- 3.1 Why did the Barasat revolt fail ?
- 3.2 What was the importance of the Santal Hool (1855-1856) ?
- 3.3 With what objective the Landholders' Society was founded ?
- 3.4 Why is Surendranath Banerjee remembered ?
- 3.5 What is meant by 'Corridor Warfare' ?
- 3.6 With what objective the Nari-Karma Mandir was founded ?
- 3.7 Who was Sk. Abdullah ?
- 3.8 Why was the 'Dar Commission' (1948) formed ?
- 3.9 Assess the influence of geographical factors on the food-habit of human beings.
- 3.10 What is the importance of Bipin Chandra Pal's autobiography 'Sattar Bathsar' as a source of modern Indian History.

- 3.11 Why is Harinath Majumdar remembered ?
- 3.12 Why is the 'educational policy' (1844) of Lord Hardinge important ?
- 3.13 What was the contribution of Suresh Chandra Majumdar in the development of Bengali Printing Press ?
- 3.14 With what objective Rabindranath Tagore founded the Viswa-Bharati ?
- 3.15 What role did Birendranath Sasmal play in the peasants' movement in Bengal.
- 3.16 What is 'Meerut Conspiracy Case' ?



Group 'D'

4. Answer the following questions in **seven or eight sentences** each. Answer **six** questions in all attempting at least **one** question from each sub-group. 4×6=24

Sub-group : D.1

- 4.1 Analyse the importance of the Munda Rebellion (1899-1900).
- 4.2 Analyse the role of the educated Bengali Society in the Indigo Revolt.

Sub-group : D.2



- 4.3 Analyse the importance of the history of Transportation in the development of civilization.
- 4.4 Analyse the importance of the 'Somprakash' as a newspaper.

Sub-group : D.3

- 4.5 Assess the role of Sardar Patel in the accession of princely states with Independent India.
- 4.6 What was the necessity of reorganisation of States on linguistic basis ?



Sub-group : D.4

- 4.7 Analyse the role of the Serampore missionaries in the development of printing press in Bengal.
- 4.8 Assess the contribution of the 'Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science' in the development of Science education in Bengal.

Group 'E'

5. Answer any **one** question in **fifteen** or **sixteen** sentences :



8×1=8

- 5.1 Analyse the role of Pritilata Waddadar in the armed revolutionary movement. What role did the Dipali Sangha play in the Women's movement of twentieth century India ? 3+5
- 5.2 Give a brief account of the Sanyasi-Fakir Rebellion (1763-1800). What was the historical significance of this rebellion ? 5+3
- 5.3 Describe in brief, the multifarious efforts of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar in the development of Bengali Printing Press. 8



[FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY]

Group 'F'

6. 6.1 Answer the following in a single sentence (**any four**) :

1×4=4

- 6.1.1 Who founded the Atmiya Sabha ?
- 6.1.2 Who propagated the ideal of 'Jato mat, tato path' ?
- 6.1.3 What was the real name of Titu Mir ?
- 6.1.4 Who composed the novel 'Anandamath' ?
- 6.1.5 When was the 'Shantiniketan' founded ?
- 6.1.6 Who earned the epithet 'Sardar' ?



6.2 Answer the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences (**any three**) :

2×3=6

- 6.2.1 What is meant by History of Environment ?
- 6.2.2 What is meant by 'revolution' ?
- 6.2.3 Name two leaders of the Santal Hool ?
- 6.2.4 Why was the 'Rashid Ali Day' observed ?
- 6.2.5 With what objectives the 'Shriniketan' was founded ?

