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PART-I (MCQs)(COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

1. The treaty of Bucharest was imposed by Germany on?
(A) Algeria (B) Bulgaria (C) Rumania (D) Italy
2. Which of the then great powers conceived The Project of Baghdad Railways for ease of administration and connectivity?
(A) Russia (B) Germany (C) USA (D) England
3. In the battle of Passchendaele 1917 the British lost approximately
(A) Six Hundred Thousand (B) Five Thousand only (C) Three Hundred Thousand (D) Fifty Thousand
4. The Treaty of Versailles imposed many restrictions on Germany including reduction of its army strength to only?
(A) Six hundred thousand (B) One hundred thousand (C) Three hundred thousand (D) None of these
5. Under the Treaty of Lausanne, Turkey was allowed to retain areas of?
(A) Smyrna and Constantinople (B) Constantinople and Armenia
(C) Smyrna and Armenia (D) None of these
6. During the Cold War, the Soviet Union and the USA pursued their vested interests. Which of the following areas were major theatre of the Cold War?
(A) Africa because of its resources. (B) Latin America because of its location.
(C) East Asia because of its population. (D) Europe because of its industrial development and Germany
7. Which of the following hinderances delayed Hitler's decision to invade the Soviet Union?
(A) The need to help Mussolini in the Balkans and North Africa as well as immense logistical problems.
(B) Hitler's desire to win a winter campaign in Russia and break the curse of Napoleon.
(C) The incompetence of the German General Staff and their lack of resources.
(D) The British aerial bombardment of Germany and the French resistance to Nazi rule.
8. The British Prime Minister Lloyd George was criticized or blamed for one of the following policies. Which policy measure was his major flaw?
(A) The British Prime Minister who led his country to victory in the First World War.
(B) The British Prime Minister who advocated a pro-Turkish policy.
(C) The British Prime Minister responsible for the appeasement of Germany.
(D) The British Prime Minister who was a lifelong enemy of Winston Churchill.
9. In 1904, the Entente Cordiale was signed between?
(A) England & France (B) England & Germany (C) England & Russia (D) England & Italy
10. The Italian dictator Mussolini used the term "MARE NOSRUM" (our sea) for;
(A) Adriatic Sea (B) Black Sea (C) Dead Sea (D) Mediterranean Sea
11. Which of the following term defines "existentialism" in thematic sense?
(A) Material existence (B) Freedom in circumstances
(C) Non-materialism (D) Post modernism crisis
12. What event is traditionally considered the beginning of the French Revolution?
(A) The Reign of Terror (B) The execution of Louis XVI
(C) The Storming of the Bastille (D) The March on Versailles
13. The "Scramble for Africa" and the competition for colonies was a key feature of European:
(A) Industrialization (B) Imperialism (C) Nationalism (D) The Enlightenment
14. Otto von Bismarck's policy of "blood and iron" referred to:
(A) The use of war and military power to achieve German unification. (B) Agricultural modernization.
(C) A social welfare program for workers. (D) An alliance system with France.
15. The immediate trigger for the outbreak of World War I in 1914 was:
(A) The German invasion of Poland. (B) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary.
(C) The sinking of the Lusitania. (D) The Russian Bolshevik Revolution.
16. The policy of appeasement, most associated with British PM Neville Chamberlain, is best exemplified by:
(A) The invasion of Poland.
(B) The Munich Agreement (1938), which ceded part of Czechoslovakia to Germany.
(C) The signing of the Nazi-Soviet Pact. (D) The Battle of Britain.

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be attempted.

NOTE:

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ALL** questions from **Part-II**.
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- iv. Write **Q.NO** in the **Answer Book** in according with **Q.No** in the **Q.Paper**.
- v. **No Page/Space** be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of **Answer Book** must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

SECTION-A

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Q. No. 3. The European Revolutions changed the historical process in the 1830s and 1840's. Would you be able to draw certain historical conclusions from early events, or do you believe that they had short term impact on the socio-political environment of Europe? Support your stance with valid arguments.

Q. No. 4. What was the continental system, and why did Napoleon try to enforce it after 1806? Why did he fail? Explain with related examples.

Q. No. 5. Why and how did Britain witness an economic revolution without any particular noticeable political upheaval in the 1800s?

SECTION-B

Q. No. 6. Winston Churchill criticized the Policy of appeasement as "a total and unmitigated defeat". What were the major factors behind this policy?

Q. No. 7. It is stated by historians that the French hunt for security and England's desire for peace were responsible for the rise of Hitler. Do you agree? If not, then come up with a watertight argument to prove your point.

Q. No. 8. How did the rise of the United States of America change the outcome of major conflicts among the European Powers between 1914 and 1945?

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17. The "Schlieffen Plan," which helped shape the early phase of WWI, was designed by Germany to:
(A) Invade Russia first, then France. (B) Fight a prolonged defensive war on two fronts.
(C) Quickly defeat France in the west before turning to fight Russia in the east.
(D) Use naval power to blockade Great Britain.
18. Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin, after Lenin's death, disagreed most fundamentally on:
(A) Whether to end the New Economic Policy (NEP).
(B) The concept of "Permanent Revolution" vs. "Socialism in One Country."
(C) The need to collectivize agriculture. (D) The alliance with the Western powers against fascism.
19. The geopolitical strategy behind the U.S. Marshall Plan (1948) was primarily to:
(A) Punish Germany for starting WWII. (B) Rebuild the Soviet Union's devastated economy.
(C) Promote economic recovery in Western Europe to prevent the spread of communism.
(D) Fund the development of nuclear weapons by NATO allies.
20. The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the 1968 Prague Spring were both:
(A) Attempts to achieve a more liberal or independent form of communism that were crushed by Warsaw Pact forces.
(B) Soviet-led military exercises.
(C) Successful nationalist movements that broke away from the Soviet bloc.
(D) Movements to join the European Economic Community.

PART-II



- NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
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