

**B.A. (Honours) Semester – I Examination, 2014**  
**Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures**  
**(French, German, Italian, Russian)**

**Paper – III (Common)**

**History, Cultures, Philosophies & Ideas**  
**of Europe, Part-I (From Antiquity to the Crusades)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.*

**Part-I**

4×5=20

1. (a) Write a brief note on Greek tragedies.  
or  
(b) Write a brief note on das Nibelungenlied.
2. (a) Write briefly about bylini.  
or  
(b) What do you know about ‘Tale of Igor’?
3. (a) Write a short note on the Byzantine art.  
or  
(b) Write briefly on Dante and the Divine Comedy.
4. Discuss briefly about Chansons de Geste or Troubadours and Trouvères.

**Part-II**

4×5=20

5. Write briefly on Feudalism or The Crusades.
6. (a) Discuss briefly about the topography and the climate of Russia.  
or  
(b) What do you know about the formation of Kievan Russ?
7. Give a brief account of the empire built around the city of Rome.  
or  
Write a brief note on the city-states of Italy.
8. Discuss about early settlements of Germanic tribes in Gaul.

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Write briefly of the rise of the Carolingian dynasty.

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