

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2017
Semester-II
Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Course - III

History, Cultures, Philosophies and Ideas of Europe I (Part 2 : Middle Ages to Reformation)

(Common Paper)

Time- 3 Hours

Full Marks-40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Section-I

5X4=20

1.a) Explain the factors responsible for disintegration of the Carolingian Empire.

Or

b) Write a note on administrative, judicial and institutional reforms undertaken by the Capetian kings.

2.a) Give a brief account of Peasant Uprising of 1525 in Germany. Refer to some of the salient features of the Twelve Articles.

Or

b) Discuss briefly the motivations behind the Voyages of discovery in late 15th and early 16th centuries. What were the main goals of these voyages? Discuss with reference to the significant outcomes.

3.a) Discuss briefly the coming up of universities in Italy.

Or

b) What does the term Humanism mean? Explain in reference to the 14th century Italy.

4.a) How long did the Mongols rule over Russia?

Or

b) Who was the better ruler of his time: Ivan III or Ivan IV? Give reasons in support of your answer.

Section-II

5X4=20

5.a) Write a note on Story of Tristan and Iseult.

Or

b) Historical narratives by Villehardouin and Joinville.

6.a) How does Erasmus justify the importance of free will? What were Martin Luther's arguments against free will?

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Or

b) What was the purpose behind Martin Luther's 95 theses? Mention a few important theses as examples.

7.a) What is Renaissance? How is it reflected in the Florentine paintings of that period?

Or

b) Write a short note on any one of the following topics:

i) Medieval scholasticism ii) Francesco Petrarca

8.a) The 14th and 15th centuries marked a new uplift in Russian culture. Discuss briefly about it.

Or

b) Write a short note on **any one** of the following:

i) St. Basil's Cathedral ii) Andrei Rublev
