

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2019
Semester-IV
Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies
Course IV (Common Paper)
History, Cultures, Philosophies and Ideas of Europe II
(Part 2 : Enlightenment to the Present Day)

(For Back Candidates)

Time- 3 Hours

Full Marks-40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Section I: Social, Political and Economic History of Europe

1. Answer *any one* (5)
 - (a) What does the term “Absolute monarchy of divine rights” mean? OR
 - (b) Who were the ministers of successive French kings during the 17th and 18th century who were the architects of absolute monarchy?
2. Write explanatory notes on any two (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) Vienna Congress; (b) 1848 Revolution in Frankfurt; (c) Bismarck’s policy of Blood and Iron
3. Answer *any two*. (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) Who was Giuseppe Mazzini?
 - (b) How did Nationalism contribute to unify Italy in the 19th century?
 - (c) Who was Mussolini? What did he do?
4. Write short notes (*any two*). (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) Bloody Sunday; (b) Decembrists' revolt; (c) the battle of Borodino

Section II: Art and Culture

5. Answer *any one* (5)
 - (a) What are the major characteristics of the philosophy of Enlightenment? OR
 - (b) How does Voltaire refute the theory of optimism in his writings?
 6. Write short explanations on any two (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) Biedermeier; (b) *Manifesto of the Communist Party*; (c) *Orientalism*
 7. Answer *any two* (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) What is holocaust?
 - (b) Is *Life is Beautiful* a holocaust movie?
 - (c) What do you think about the title of the film *Life is Beautiful*?
 8. Write briefly on *any two* from the following topics. (2 x 2.5 = 5)
 - (a) Maxim Gorky; (b) Nihilism; (c) Pushkin's work
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