

**M.A. Examination, 2018**  
**Semester-III**  
**History**  
**Course : DSE-8 (Optional)**  
**Contextualising the Indian Army (1757-1947)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

**Questions are of equal value**

Answer **any four** questions

1. What were the chief variants in the ethos of the Pre-1857 Bengal and Bombay armies? Elucidate with special reference to the religious sentiment of the Purlaiya sepoys.
  2. What exactly do you mean by a distinct 'Corporate Identity of the sepoys'? Did the Madras Army succeed in forging a 'Corporate Identity of the sepoys' after the Vellore Mutiny?
  3. Did the sepoys of the East India Company believe in a notion of conditional obedience?
  4. What are the recent trends in the Historiography of 1857 in connection with the participation of marginal communities and regions in the revolt?
  5. Write a critical note on the new recruitment policy of 'checks and Balances' or Balanced Recruitment policy after 1857?
  6. Did the First World War signify a definite shift in the policy of recruitment to the colonial Indian Army?
  7. How would you explain the impact of the INA on the British Indian Army?
  8. Was the apolitical nature of the Post-Independence Indian Army a colonial legacy?
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