

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2016**  
**Semester-I**  
**Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures ( French )**  
**Course - III**  
**History, Cultures, Philosophies and Ideas of Europe I**  
**(Part 1: Antiquity to Middle Ages)**

**Time- 3 hrs**

**Full Marks-40**

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

**Group-A**

4X5=20

1. Write a note on the Frankish Merovingian dynasty.

or

Give a brief account of administrative reforms undertaken by the emperor Charlemagne.

2. Describe briefly chief features of the Roman administration.

or

Write a short note on the development of the medieval monasticism.

3. What was an *agora* ? What was its importance in ancient Greek society ?

or

Describe the class-based social hierarchies of ancient city states and of medieval European kingdoms based on feudalism.

4. The vast territory of Russia has been divided into some natural zones. Name the zones with description.

or

How did Prince Vladimir become "Holy:"? What are his contributions to the development of Russian society?

**Group-B**

5. Write briefly the story of *Les Chansons de Roland*.

or

Who were *Troubadours* and *Trouvères* ? Write briefly about the themes of their poetry.

6. Describe the basic features of Aristotle's notion of tragic drama.

or

What can we know about social and religious life in early medieval Europe from a reading of the epic poem *Das Nibelungenlied*.

7. Write briefly on the Latin literature of the "golden period".

or

What are the chief features of the Byzantine art ?

8. What do you know about Russian Bylina? Give some examples of these bylinas

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Write briefly about the "Lay of the Host of Igor".

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