

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2016
Semester- III
Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures (Russian)
Course - IV
History, Cultures, Philosophies and Ideas of Europe II
(Part 1 : Reformation to Enlightenment)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Section-I

1. How old was Louis XIV when his father died? Who was Mazarin? What role did he play as statesman?

or

What are the causes of French Revolution of 1789? How far Louis XIV was responsible for that Revolution?

2. How did the Catholic Church react against the Protestant reform?

or

What was inquisition? How did it function?

3. Who are the bourgeois? What is their importance in 17th century Europe?

or

What is colonialism? Discuss some reasons that led to its growth in 17th century Europe.

4. How did Boris Godunov become Tsar of Russia?

or

How did Tsar Peter the Great propel Russia to the rank of a major European power?

Section-II

1. Write a short note on *any two* of the following:

(a) Pierre Corneille (b) Jean Racine (c) La Fontaine (d) Montaigne (e) Rabelais

2. Assess briefly the contribution made by Marco Polo or Ludovico de Varthema or Father Rudolfo Acquaviva in making the new body of knowledge on India.

or

Write short note *any one* of the following topics

(a) Mannerism (b) Italian Baroque painting (c) Caravaggio

3. How is Baroque literature a testimony to the social and historical upheavals of 17th century Europe? Give examples.

or

The progress of the “natural” sciences brought about a new way of looking at and experiencing life. This change is also reflected in some of the new paintings created with the help of a new “realistic” technique. Do you agree?

4. Discuss briefly about the Russian Baroque art with suitable examples.

or

Write short notes on *any one* of the following:

(i) Kantemir

(ii) Lomonosov

(iii) Derzhavin