

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018**

**Semester-IV**

**Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures**

**Course IV (Common Paper)**

**History, Cultures, Philosophies and Ideas of Europe II (Part 2 : Enlightenment to the Present Day)**

**(For Regular and Back Candidates)**

**Time- 3 Hours**

**Full Marks-40**

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

**SECTION A: Social, Economic and Political History**

- 1.a. Write a brief note on events following the execution of the king Louis XVI.  
OR
- 1.b. Discuss briefly about Napoleon Bonaparte's expansionist military campaign.
- 2.a. What was the Vienna Congress? What were its principal goals?  
OR
- 2.b. What policy did Bismarck follow to bring about the unification of Germany?
- 3.a. Discuss briefly the causes which prepared the ground for the Italian Unification in the 19th century.  
OR
- 3.b. Give a short account of various phases of the Italian Unification.
- 4.a. Describe briefly the events that led to the October Revolution of 1917.  
OR
- 4.b. Write short notes on *any two* of the following:  
(i) Bloody Sunday; (ii) Decembrist Revolt; (iii) Nihilism.

**SECTION B: Cultural History**

- 5.a. Explain briefly how philosophical ideas of the Enlightenment prepared the ground for the Revolution.  
OR
- 5.b. Write a brief note on "realism" in French literature of the nineteenth century.
- 6.a. "... nations themselves *are* narrations. The power to narrate, or to block other narratives from forming and emerging, is very important to culture and imperialism, and constitutes one of the main connections between them." Explain briefly what Edward Said means and refer to the history of late nineteenth century.  
OR
- 6.b. "... the Orientalist, poet or scholar, makes the Orient speak, describes the Orient, renders its mysteries plain for and to the West." How does Edward Said look at the *representation* of the Orient by Western scholars?

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7.a. What are anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic laws? Explain with examples from the film "Life is Beautiful" of Roberto Benigni.

OR

7.b. How does Roberto Benigni represent the horror of Holocaust in his film "Life is Beautiful"?

8.a. Who is the founder of "Socialist Realism"? Write briefly the biography and works of the founder.

OR

8.b. The film "Battleship Potemkin" is based on which course of events of Russian history? Discuss.

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