

VI/HIST (x)

2014

(6th Semester)

HISTORY

TENTH PAPER

(Contemporary World)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

Answer any five questions

- 1. The Cuban Missile almost sparked 'a hot war' between the two rival blocs during the Cold War. Discuss.**
- 2. What do you mean by the 'Golden Years'? Discuss the role played by the technological revolution in the post-war economic surge.**
- 3. Critically examine the US involvement in the Vietnam War of 1961 to 1975.**

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(Turn Over)

4. What were the main conflicts between the Arab and the Israeli people? Why did the creation of the State of Israel lead to the war of 1948-49?
5. How would you explain the origins of the Third World in the years after 1945?
6. Mao Tse-tung may have been a great revolutionary but once in power he failed his people. Critically discuss.
7. What caused the collapse of communism and the end of the Soviet Union?
8. Critically examine the significance of the Social Movements during the 1960s.
9. What do you mean by Globalization? Examine the transformation of the world economy since the 1970s highlighting the flow of money, ideas and people.
10. 'War and terrorism' is a common phenomenon in the 21st Century. Discuss.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON) was set up by the USSR in
(a) 1945 ()
(b) 1947 ()
(c) 1949 ()
2. The term 'detente' is used to mean
(a) permanent relaxation of tension between the East and West ()
(b) reduction of tension between China and the USA ()
(c) relaxation of tension between the USSR and Ukraine ()

3. The founder of Chinese Nationalist Party—Guomindang (GMT) was

- (a) Mao Zedong ()
- (b) Chiang Kai-shek ()
- (c) Dr. Sun Yat-sen ()

4. Ba'ath is associated with

- (a) Pan-Africanism ()
- (b) Pan-Arabism ()
- (c) Pan-Asianism ()

5. The Conference of Asian and African States was held in 1955 at

- (a) Congo ()
- (b) Vietnam ()
- (c) Bandung ()

6. The Movement initiated by the Chinese Communist Party in 1958 to achieve rapid modernization of China was

- (a) Guomindang ()
- (b) Great Leap Forward ()
- (c) Glasnost ()

7. The main body of Muslims who follow the path of Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law Ali's accession to the Caliphate was
- (a) Mujahidin ()
 - (b) Shia Islam ()
 - (c) Sunni Islam ()
8. Polish Independent Trade Union Federation formed the Solidarity Movement in
- (a) 1980 ()
 - (b) 1984 ()
 - (c) 1990 ()
9. The most influential critics of modern interpretations of certain legal and political currents in Islamic thoughts and ideas was
- (a) Intifada ()
 - (b) Sayyid Qutb ()
 - (c) Nasser ()
10. The word 'informationalism' means
- (a) a network society based on relevant information and communication technology ()
 - (b) a network society based on relevant information ()
 - (c) a network society based on communication technology ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each : 3×5=15

1. What was the Marshall Plan?

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2. What role did the NATO play at the time of its creation?

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3. Write a note on the PLO. (15)

Answer any five of the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each: (5-5=15)

1. What was the Marshall Plan?

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4. What do you mean by apartheid?

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(8)

5. What was the Non-Alligned Movement?

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6. What was the Group of 7 (G-7)?

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7. What is meant by perestroika?

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8. How did mass culture bring about a cultural revolution?

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(12)

9. What was the intifada of 1987?

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10. Write a note on the cause of the radical Islamist Umbrella Organization—al-Qaida.

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