

2014

M.A. Part-II Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—VI

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

The questions are of equal value

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer any six questions.

1. How did Arnold Toynbee characterise the Industrial Revolution in England ?
2. Why did the industrial revolution occur first in England ?
3. What change in internal and external trade caused the Commercial Revolution in England.
4. What are the different arguments that explain the changing demographic pattern of England in the 18th century.
5. Explain W. W. Rostow's concept of 'leading sector'. How far is it correct to call the cotton industry a leading sector in the English industrial revolution ?

6. How did social structure promote private enterprise in 18th century England but not in the contemporary European continent?
7. Do you think that the theory of 'economic growth' explains the nature of the Industrial Revolution in England?
8. Is the theory of 'substitution process' an adequate explanation of the nature of the Industrial Revolution in continental Europe?
9. How did the Zollverein and the railways prepare the ground for the rapid industrialisation in the German states in the 1850s and 1860s?
10. Why did the Emancipation Edict of 1861 not lead to an industrial revolution in Russia?
11. What do you mean by the term 'proto-industrialisation'? How does it help to understand the transition from a feudal system of production to a capitalist system in Europe?
12. Do you think that Marx and Engels were right in their explanation of 19th century European industrial crises?