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Second Semester

History

Elective – HISTORY OF RUSSIA FROM
1689 TO 1964 A.D.

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. “The Tsar is sovereign and autocratic; he is responsible to no one in the world” Who said this?
 - (a) Ivan IV
 - (b) Alexander I
 - (c) Peter the Great
 - (d) Nicholas I

2. Who is the "father of Russian history"?
 - (a) Rumovski
 - (b) Golilkov
 - (c) Sheherbatov
 - (d) Tatischev

3. Who was the Tsar of Russia died in an accident?
 - (a) Nicholas I
 - (b) Alexander I
 - (c) Alexander II
 - (d) Alexander III

4. In which year the Nobles' Bank was established?
 - (a) 1880
 - (b) 1885
 - (c) 1871
 - (d) 1870

5. What is 'the Queen of Spades'?
 - (a) Novel
 - (b) Drama
 - (c) Poem
 - (d) Newspaper

6. By which treaty the Russo-Japanese war came to an end?
 - (a) London
 - (b) Paris
 - (c) Portsmouth
 - (d) San Stefano

7. What was the immediate cause for the Russian Revolution of 1917?
 - (a) Economic conditions of the peasant
 - (b) Autocracy of the Tsars
 - (c) Revolutionary propaganda
 - (d) Sufferings caused by the First World war

8. Who launched the principle of "Iron curtain"?
 - (a) Lenin
 - (b) Stalin
 - (c) Khrushchev
 - (d) Malenkov

9. What was the policy adopted by Russia in the German expedition?
 - (a) Forward policy
 - (b) Scorched earth policy
 - (c) Policy of isolation
 - (d) Self determination policy

10. Which was the first satellite launched by the Soviet Union?
- (a) Vostok (b) Soyuz
(c) Luna II (d) Sputnik

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) "The war with Sweden paved the way for the rise of Russia as a great European power" - Why?

Or

- (b) Bring out the significance of legislative commission summoned by Catherine II.

12. (a) Briefly describe the role of Russia in the Vienna Congress.

Or

- (b) Who was called "Tsar Liberator" Why?

13. (a) What do you know about Nihilism?

Or

- (b) What were the results of the October Manifesto?

14. (a) What were the political consequences of the Dual Alliance?

Or

- (b) What was the treaty signed by Russia during the course of the First World War with the central powers? Point out its importance.

15. (a) Explain the salient features of seven year plan.

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of Russia in the Cuba missile crisis.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) “Peter combined in himself the worst qualities of Attila the Hun and the best traits of Louis XIV” – Do you agree?

Or

- (b) Estimate the services rendered by Catherine II to literature and architecture.

17. (a) Describe the foreign policy of Nicholas I.

Or

(b) What were the functions of zemstvos?

18. (a) What was Bloody Sunday? Point out its results.

Or

(b) "The Victory of Japan became the eye-opener to the eastern nations, to rise, organize and overthrow the western yoke" - Explain the statement.

19. (a) Who was Lenin? What part did he play in the rise of his country?

Or

(b) "Hitler's Russian expedition ended in disaster". Discuss.

20. (a) How did Khrushchev design the foreign policy?

Or

(b) What is Cold War? How did it influence International relations?