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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

Fourth Semester

History — Core

PEASANT AND LABOUR MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Zamindari system was introduced in _____
(a) 1793 (b) 1794
(c) 1795 (d) 1796

2. _____ introduced permanent Revenue Settlement
(a) Rippon (b) Canning
(c) Corn Wallis (d) Read

3. _____ was the first greatest famine of India
(a) Chalisa famine (b) Bengal famine
(c) Skull famine (d) Deccan famine

4. Moplah refers to _____ speaking Muslims
(a) Tamil (b) Malayalam
(c) Kannada (d) Telugu

5. _____ was called as the 'Rebel King'
(a) Ishan Chandra Roy
(b) Birsa Munda
(c) M.N. Roy
(d) M.G. Ranade

6. Champaran is located in _____
(a) Bengal (b) Bihar
(c) Chattisgarh (d) Gujarat

7. India's first steam powered cotton industry was established at _____
(a) Chennai (b) Calcutta
(c) Patna (d) Bombay

8. _____ state attracts lot of immigrants
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Maharashtra
(c) Karnataka (d) Gujarat

9. Labours from _____ migrate in large number
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Arunachal Pradesh (d) Himachal Pradesh

10. _____ is the father of Trade Union Movement in India.
(a) N.M. Lokhande (b) M.N. Roy
(c) Aurobindo (d) R.K. Narayanan

11. Communist Manifesto was written by Marx and
(a) Lenin (b) Stalin
(c) Engles (d) Gorbachev

12. Beedi workers comes under _____
(a) Organized sector
(b) Un organized sector
(c) Left wing
(d) Right wing

13. Employee's State Insurance Act was passed in _____
(a) 1947 (b) 1948
(c) 1949 (d) 1950

14. Minimum of _____ days notice must be given before a lock out.
(a) 14 (b) 24
(c) 34 (d) 44

15. The International Labour organization was established by the Treaty of _____
(a) Paris (b) Versailles
(c) Berlin (d) Moscow

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Give an account of Mahalwari system.
Or
(b) Briefly explain about 'Bonded Labour'.

17. (a) What were the causes for the Peasant's uprisings?

Or

(b) Write a short note about the causes of Indigo Revolt.

18. (a) Briefly explain about the growth of Industries in India.

Or

(b) Give an account of the condition of workers in factories.

19. (a) Write a short note on B.P. Wadia.

Or

(b) Give an account of Crafts Union.

20. (a) What are the main features of Minimum Wages Act 1948?

Or

(b) What are the main causes for the industrial strikes?

PART C — (5 x 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Critically analyze the condition of peasantry during the colonial period.

Or

(b) Explain the different famines of India.

22. (a) Analyze 'Tebhaga Movement'.

Or

(b) Evaluate Telengana Movement.

23. (a) Explain the causes for the Migration of the Labours.

Or

(b) Trace the growth and development of the working class.

24. (a) Explain the History of Trade Union Movement in India.

Or

(b) Critically analyze the problems of organizing the Trade Unions.

25. (a) Explain the concept of strikes.

Or

(b) Examine the Industrial Dispute Act.