

**COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)**

**GENERAL STUDIES**

**Paper—I**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Full Marks : 200**

**Note :** (1) *The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.*

(2) *Answer the questions following the instructions strictly.*

(3) *Answer all questions.*

**( Modern History of India and Indian Culture )**

**1. Answer any one of the following (in about 250 words) : 15**

- (a) Nineteenth century intellectuals were highly inspired by the idea of reason and rationality. Elaborate it with suitable examples.
- (b) Why and how was the Indian National Congress formed in 1885? What were its objectives?
- (c) Estimate the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian Freedom Struggle.

**2. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words each) : 10×2=20**

- (a) The first ICS Examination was held in London in 1855. What were its limitations then for Indians and in subsequent years?
- (b) What was the Sati system? When and how was it abolished?
- (c) Why did Mahatma Gandhi start the Champaran Satyagraha? What was its result?
- (d) What was the two-nation theory? How did the Congress contest it?

**3. Write short notes on any two of the following (in about 75 words each) :**

**5×2=10**

- (a) The Ramakrishna Movement
- (b) Moderates and Extremists of the Congress
- (c) Swarajists
- (d) Mahatma Gandhi and Partition

