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HISTORY-III

Paper : 4-2

(Legal and Constitutional History)

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct option : $1 \times 10 = 10$
 - (a) The Act for the Better Government of India, 1858 appointed _____ as the first Secretary of State for India. (Lord Canning/Sir Charles Wood)
 - (b) The Indian Councils Act, 1892 provided for the appointment of _____ *ex-officio* members. (eight/nine)
 - (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak made _____ the headquarter of his Home Rule Movement, 1916. (Pune/Nagpur)

Contd.

- (d) The system of direct election was introduced by the Indian Councils Act, _____ for the first time in India. (1892/1909)
- (e) Sir Stafford Cripps was a member of _____. (India Council/British War Cabinet)
- (f) The Cabinet Mission Plan proposed a federal union of India. — *True or False?*
- (g) The Interim Government headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was formed in the year _____. (1945/1946)
- (h) The Mountbatten Plan, 1947 provided for the appointment of two Boundary Commissions to demarcate the boundaries of India and Pakistan, both under the Chairmanship of _____. (Sir Henry MacMahon/Sir Cyril Radcliffe)
- (i) In 1879, there were _____ grades of legal practitioners functioning in India. (5/6)
- (j) Following 1st January, 1977, the _____ have no longer been recognised as a separate class of lawyers. (Pleaders/Attorneys)

2. Give very brief answers : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Trace the importance of the Indian Councils Act, 1892 in the Constitutional History of India.
- (b) Assess the contribution of Mrs. Annie Besant in the National Movement of India.
- (c) State *any two* features of the Government of India Act, 1935.
- (d) State *any two* unitary features of Indian Constitution.
- (e) Who are the ex-officio members of the Bar Council of India?

3. Answer the following questions :

$12 \times 5 = 60$

- (a) Why did the British Parliament enact the Government of India Act, 1858? Narrate its various provisions.

$2 + 10 = 12$

Or

The Indian Councils Act, 1861 marked a new beginning in India's Constitutional History — Elucidate the statement in the light of its various provisions.

- (b) Give an account of the Swadeshi Movement, 1905.

Or

Analyse critically the Government of India Act, 1919.

- (c) Critically examine the different provisions of the Cripps' Proposals.

Or

What were the salient features of the Cabinet Mission Plan? Why did it fail?

6+6=12

- (d) Narrate the provisions of the Indian Independence Act, 1947.

Or

Describe the various features of the Indian Constitution.

- (e) Give an account of the Legal Practitioners' Act, 1879.

Or

Write briefly about the Advocates Act, 1961.