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Part-I Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—IV

Full Marks: 100

Time: 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer any six questions.

[Questions are of equal value]

- 1. What were the objectives of Mir Jumla in his political and commercial dealings with Europeans in Bengal?
- 2. Give an account of the Subahdari of Bengal under Shah Sujah between 1639 and 1657.
- 3. Give an account of the early career of Murshid Quli Khan as a Mughal official.

- 4. What were the commercial roles of the V.O.C., the French East India Company and the Ostend Company in Bengal?
- 5. Give a detailed account of the Surman Embassy and procurement of Farman by the East India Company.
- 6. Why is the Shuja-ud-din Khan's rule a very significant chapter in the history of Bengal?
- 7. How did Alivardi Khan acquire state power? What were steps in administration that he initiated?
- 8. What was the political and economic impact of the Maratha invades into Bengal?
- 9. What was the structure of Bengal's economy in the precolonial period?
- 10. Examine the social structure of Bengal in the eighteenth century.
- 11. What are the major Persian and vernacular sources on pre-colonial eighteenth century Bengal and what light do they shed on Bengal's social and educational condition.
- 12. What were the political and commercial circumstances leading to the formation of East India Company's settlement in Calcutta?