

M.A. 4th Semester Examination, 2024

HISTORY

*(History of Constitutional Development
in Modern India)*

PAPER—HIS-404

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer **all** questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

GROUP – A

Answer any two questions : 10×2

1. Would you agree that the Indian Council Act of 1861 was a momentous step in the

direction of improving the administration of law and justice in India ?

2. Do you think that the introduction of local self-government laid down the foundations of representative institutions in colonial India ?
3. Make an assessment on the evolution of the central legislature (1919-1947) in British India.
4. Highlight the changes brought about in the civil services under the Government of India Acts, 1919 and 1935.

GROUP – B

Answer any **four** questions : 5 × 4

5. What changes did the British attitude undergo towards the Princely states after 1858 ?

6. What were the objectives of the Indian Councils Act of 1909 ? Did the Act turn out to be an eyewash ?
7. What were the major changes introduced by the Government of India Act of 1919 ? How was it received in India ?
8. To what extent would it be appropriate to say that the Government of India Act of 1935 had 'all brakes but no engine' ?
9. How far did 'C.R. Formula' encourage Jinnah to the prospect of partition ?
10. Elucidate the international sources and their distinctive features as adopted in the Indian Constitution.

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]
