

M. A. 4th Semester Examination, 2025

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*

GROUP—A

Answer any two questions : 10 × 2

1. Explain the main features of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms. How far did these reforms implement the policy of administrative devolution of power?

(Turn Over)

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2. How did the mercantile service transform into the administrative service during the period 1765-1853 ?
3. Examine the evolution of the administration of justice in British India.
4. Why was the Government of India Act of 1858 considered a watershed in Indian constitutional history ?

GROUP—B

Answer any four questions : 5 × 4

5. Discuss in brief the financial administration of the Army of the East India Company.
6. Analyse different dimensions of the relationship between the Governor-General and the Secretary of State in colonial India.
7. To what extent did the Government of India Act of 1935 reflect the concept of federalism ?

8. How far did the Charter Act of 1833 reflect a centralised system of administration ?
9. Highlight the main features of the Indian Independence Act of 1947.
10. To what extent did the Indian Council Acts define the concept of central legislature ?

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]

