

2011

ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 64

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer **all** questions

BLOCK—I

1. Describe and analyse the factors that led to the social and political stratification or the erection of hierarchies in the Medieval Age. 12

Or

Show how the Medieval world view is reflected in the literature of the period.

2. Account for the social phenomena that led to the dominance of the Church in the lives of the ordinary people in the Medieval Age. 12

BLOCK—II

3. "The advent of printing in Europe in the fifteenth century in some ways marked the end of the Medieval period and the beginning of the Early Modern." Do you agree? Give a well-reasoned answer. 12
4. What were some of the primary impulses that fired the endeavours of the early European colonialists? Also give some of the reasons for their success. 12

Or

Write an essay on the 'Renaissance spirit' that realized itself in the commercial (specifically the mercantile) enterprises of European powers.

BLOCK—III

5. "The implications of Enlightenment thought were revolutionary, because the philosopher argued that progress had been constrained by social and political institutions that did not reflect humanity's natural goodness and capacity for material and moral improvement." Identify some of the key features of the Enlightenment in the light of the above quotation. 10

6. Answer any *one*, by writing a short note : 6

- (a) The beginning of the Industrial Revolution
- (b) Bacon, Newton and the Scientific Method
- (c) The East India Company

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