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HISTORY (38)

Time : 3 Hrs. **(11 Pages)** **Max. Marks : 80**

Instructions :

(i) *All questions are compulsory.*

(ii) *Figures to the right side indicate full marks.*

(iii) *Draw concept maps with pen in the answer sheet.*

(iv) *Start a new question on a new page.*

Q. 1. **(A)** Choose the correct alternatives and rewrite the statements : (6) **[10]**

(1) In 1609 _____ made a modified telescope.

(a) John Key

(b) Copernicus

(c) Galileo

(d) Kepler

(2) The Dutch established their first colony at _____.

(a) Chennai

(b) Machilipatnam

(c) Karikal

(d) Pondicherry

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(3) In 1824 _____ seized the government treasury at Bhamburde, Pune.

(a) Santaji Bhosale

(b) Hariya Bhilla

(c) Umaji Naik

(d) Trimbakaji Dengale

(4) The Princely States in India were merged in India mainly through the efforts of _____.

(a) Jayantrao Tilak

(b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

(c) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

(d) Dr. T. B. Kunha

(5) In 1935 _____ was separated from India.

(a) Myanmar

(b) Sri Lanka

(c) Maldives

(d) Iran

(6) An act similar to 'Right to Information' was first applied in _____ in 1776.

(a) Sweden

(b) France

(c) England

(d) India

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(B) Find the incorrect pairs in group 'B' from every set and write the correct ones : (4)

(1)

	Group 'A'		Group 'B'
(i)	Thomas Jefferson	—	Declaration of American Independence
(ii)	Lord Cornwallis	—	British General
(iii)	King Thibaw	—	Sikkim
(iv)	Lord Warren Hastings	—	Established friendly relationship with Bhutan

(2)

	Group 'A'		Group 'B'
(i)	Sadashivrao Bhau	—	Maratha leader in 3rd battle of Panipat
(ii)	Ahmadshah Abdali	—	King of Nepal
(iii)	Ibrahim Khan Gardi	—	Chief of Maratha artillery
(iv)	Henry Revington	—	British Officer

(3)

	Group 'A'		Group 'B'
(i)	Brahmo Samaj	—	Raja Ram Mohan Roy
(ii)	Satyashodhak Samaj	—	Mahatma Jotiba Phule
(iii)	Paramhamsa Sabha	—	Maharshi Vitthal Ramji Shinde
(iv)	Ramkrishna Mission	—	Swami Vivekanand

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(4)

Group 'A'		Group 'B'
(i) Dr. Sukarno	—	India
(ii) Kwame Nkrumah	—	Ghana
(iii) Gamal Abdel Nasser	—	Egypt
(iv) Marshal Tito	—	Yugoslavia

Q. 2. **(A)** Write the names of historical places/persons/events: (4) **[8]**

(1) The first European to arrive in India –

(2) The one who made the law of free and compulsory primary education in Kolhapur princely state –

(3) The headquarters of SEATO were located at –

(4) The player who was awarded the highest title, 'Bharat Ratna' –

(B) Choose the correct reasons and complete the sentences : (4)

(1) In 15th century commercial revolution started in Europe because _____

(a) discoveries of new lands by European seafarers, the traditional ways of commerce changed radically.

(b) colonies were established in America.

(c) political revolution took place in England.

(d) declaration of Independence was adopted by America.

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(2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj built naval force _____

(a) to levy octroi on British trade.

(b) to protect local salt trade.

(c) to arrest the advances of foreigners' infiltration in India.

(d) to construct sea forts.

(3) Raja Ram Mohan Roy published a letter about the evil practice of sati _____

(a) to encourage purdah tradition of women.

(b) was deeply perturbed witnessing his brother's wife immolating herself on her husband's funeral pyre.

(c) to launch first weekly in Bengali.

(d) to start Atmiya Sabha.

(4) Cold war began after Second World War because _____

(a) America opposed the 'Marshall Plan.'

(b) Soviet Russia adopted communism and America adopted capitalism.

(c) England supported Soviet Russia.

(d) America and Soviet Russia decided to continue the process of Detente.

Q. 3. **(A)** Observe the given map and answer the questions based on it : **[13]** (5)



(1) In which colony is the city of Boston located?

(2) On the coast of which ocean were the American colonies located?

(3) Name the city in the colony of Virginia.

(4) In which colony is the city of New Bern located?

(5) To which topic is the above map related to?

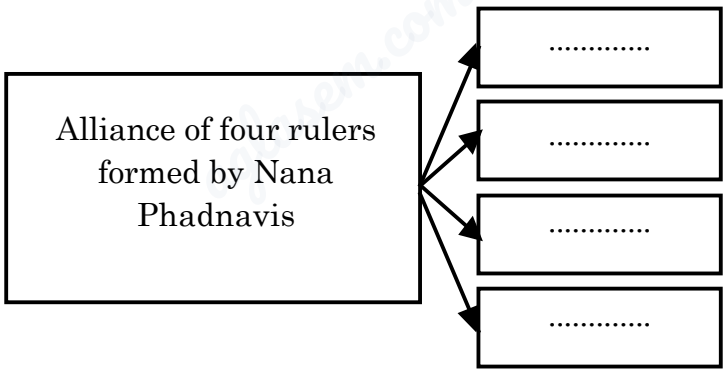
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(B) Complete the concept maps (Any FOUR) : (8)

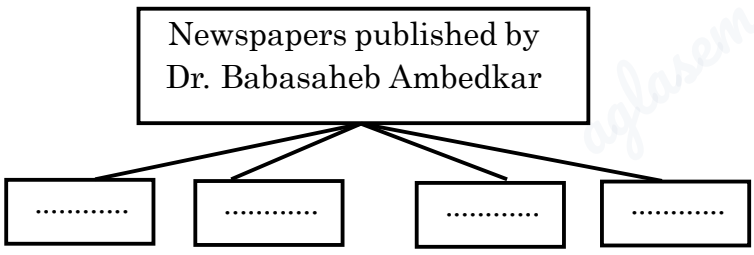
(1) Complete the following table :

Discoverer	Geographical Discovery
Amerigo Vespucci	_____
_____	Course of river Niger
Marco Polo	_____
_____	Landed at the Indian Port Calicut (Kozhikode)

(2) Complete the concept map :



(3) Complete the concept map :

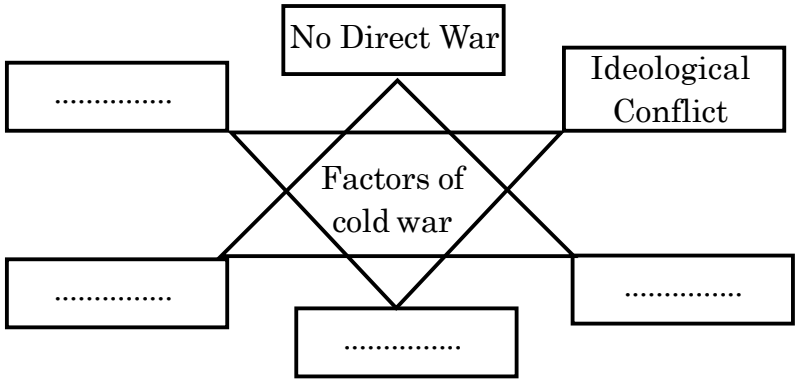


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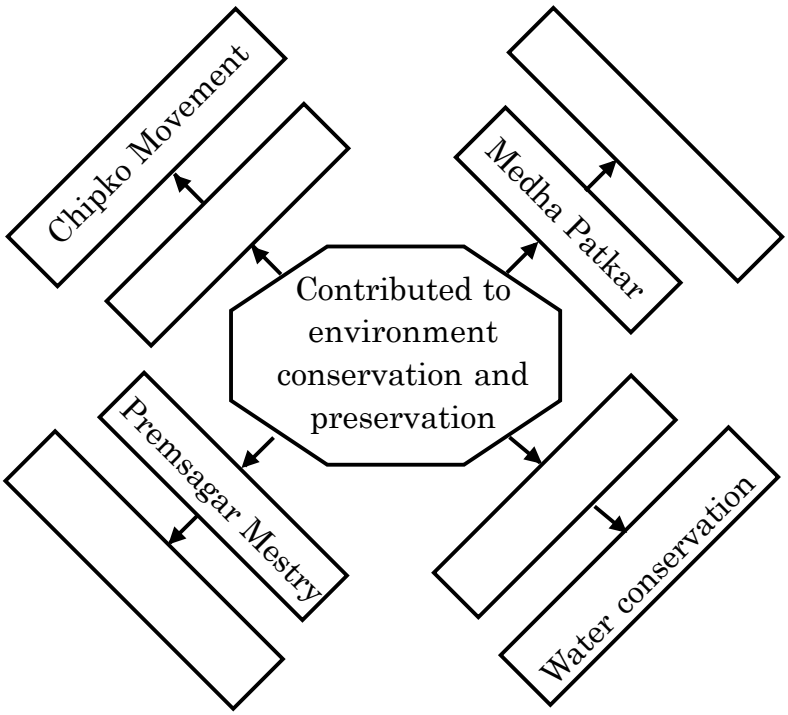
(4) Complete the concept map :



(5) Complete the concept map :



(6) Complete the concept web :



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Q. 4. **(A)** Write short notes (Any THREE) : (6) **[15]**

(1) Consequences of the crusades

(2) Azad Hind Sena

(3) Dr. Dwarkanath Kotnis

(4) Atlantic Charter

(5) Speed Post

(B) Explain the following statements with reasons (Any THREE): (9)

(1) The industrial revolution gave a momentum to colonialism.

(2) Indian rulers found it difficult to fight the Portuguese.

(3) Mahatma Gandhi ji started non-cooperation movement in 1920.

(4) Pondicherry was declared as a Union Territory.

(5) Rahibai Popere is popularly known as 'Beejmata' (Seed mother).

Q. 5. **State your opinion on the following statements (Any THREE) :** **[9]**

(1) Indian social reformers called for social and religious reforms.

(2) Political integration of the princely states was the biggest challenge faced by the leaders of independent India.

(3) Japan surrendered in the Second World War.

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(4) Joint military practice sessions are beneficial for both participant countries.

(5) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is helping to achieve universalisation of education in India.

Q. 6. Answer the following questions in detail (Any TWO) : **[10]**

(1) Explain the causes and effects of Industrial Revolution in Europe.

(2) The strongest Maratha rule in India came to an end.

(3) Explain the meaning and policies of Non-Aligned movement.

Q. 7. Answer the following questions in detail with the help of given points (Any THREE) : **[15]**

(1) Explain the expansion of Portuguese empire in India –

(a) Establishment of colonies

(b) Administration

(c) Policies of Religious Intolerance

(2) Reasons for freedom struggle of 1857 –

(a) Discontent of Indian soldiers in the British Army

(b) Discontent among rulers of Princely states

(c) Unsympathetic outlook of the British

(3) Write the information about the First World War (1914-1918) –

(a) Causes of the war

(b) Immediate cause

(c) Foundation of 'League of Nations'

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(4) Explain Decolonisation in Africa –

(a) Causes

(b) Bandung Conference

(c) Concept of African Unity

(5) Write information about Reorganisation of States in India –

(a) Jharkhand

(b) Telangana

(c) Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh

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