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SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES TRIPOS Part II  
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South Asian Studies

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*Answer **three** questions.  
All questions are of **equal** value.*

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** Section booklet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 Page Answer Book x 1  
Rough Work Pad*

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you may  
do so by the Invigilator.**

- 1 Did Indian nationalism between 1885 and 1920 develop in response to British policies of 'native representation'?
- 2 To what extent has Gandhi's role in the development of popular nationalism in India been exaggerated?
- 3 Why and how did the British seek to hold on to power in India between 1920 and 1945, and to what extent did they succeed?
- 4 Why did the Muslim League perform so much better in the 1946 elections than they had done in those of 1937?
- 5 **EITHER:** (a) Has the role of Hindu communalism in India's partition been underestimated?  
**OR:** (b) Did partition create more minority problems than it solved?
- 6 **EITHER:** (a) What has been distinctive about movements of Islamic resurgence and reform in the twentieth century? Answer with reference to one or more South Asian countries.  
**OR:** (b) To what extent have Islamic movements in South Asia since 1947 accepted or opposed the notion of a secular state? Answer with reference to one or more South Asian countries.
- 7 To what extent was one-party dominance in India between 1947 and 1967 based on consensus inside the Congress party?
- 8 What role did economic planning play in shaping India's polity between 1947 and 1967?
- 9 To what extent has India's development been hampered by over-centralisation?
- 10 Why did the question of a national language pose such serious challenges to **either** India **or** Pakistan between 1947 and 1970?
- 11 Did the Emergency, paradoxically, strengthen democracy in India?

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- 12 To what extent have the imperatives of the 'Great Game' remained pertinent to South Asia since 1947?
- 13 Have Indo-Pakistani wars been essential to the respective national identities of their participants?
- 14 Why did the consensus about positive discrimination on the basis of caste in India break down in the 1980s?
- 15 To what extent has the Bharatiya Janata Party succeeded in becoming India's 'second party'?
- 16 Were the Taliban simply Pashtun chauvinists who dressed themselves in the rhetoric of Islamic fundamentalism? Discuss with regard to the period 1992 to 2001.
- 17 Discuss why martial rule has been such a feature of the history of **either** Pakistan **or** Bangladesh since 1971.
- 18 To what extent is the Government of India responsible for the continued lack of resolution of the Kashmir conflict?
- 19 Are better forms of resource allocation and more targeted social programmes likely to improve India's social indicators?
- 20 Why have the communist parties of India enjoyed strong support in particular regions and not in others?
- 21 To what extent have women been integrated into the structures of power in independent India?

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