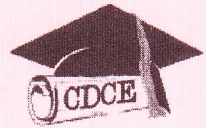




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**General Degree Examination (External) in Arts - 2016**

**(August 2016)**

**History VI (HG 6)**

**History of Twentieth Century World**

Three Hours Only.

Answer **FOUR** questions only, selecting at least **ONE** from **EACH** part.

Illustrate your answers with sketch maps where appropriate.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total number of questions in this paper is **twelve (12)**.

**Part I**

1. “Contemporary history can be adequately studied only as a world history.” David Thompson- comment on this statement with reference to twentieth century world history.
2. Explain the world economic crisis of 1929 and discuss its impact.
3. Examine the reasons for the rise of Fascism in Europe.

**Part II**

4. Write an historical essay on the Chinese revolution of 1949.
5. Discuss the impact of the Second World War on the nationalist movements in Asia.
6. Identify the main features of the political system in the post-Second World War Era.



### Part III

7. Examine the relationship that developed between America, Europe and Japan after the Second World War.
8. Discuss the role of social democracy as a factor leading to the stability of Europe during the period 1945-1989.
9. "The end of the Cold War in 1989 constitutes a turning point in the History of the twentieth century World". How far do you agree with this statement?

### Part IV

10. Examine the factors that led to the evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.
11. What were the main goals of the European Union?
12. Write historical notes on any two of the following.
  - (a) The League of Nations
  - (b) Mao-Tse-Tung
  - (c) SCAP rule in Japan
  - (d) The disintegration of the Soviet-Union