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**General Degree Examination in Arts (External) -2016
(December 2017)**

History VII (HG 7)

History of the British Commonwealth

Three Hours Only.

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

Illustrate your answers with sketch maps where appropriate.

Candidate will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

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

Part I

1. Examine the factors that led the British to explore the overseas during 15th and 16th centuries.
2. Discuss the contribution of the Tudor dynasty in the establishment of the First British Empire.
3. Analyze the strategies adopted by the British in formation of the empire during the period 1583-1783.
4. "American revolution was considered a turning point of British colonialism" How far do you agree with this statement?

Part II

5. What were the causes that affected to the rivalry between Britain and France in the 18th century?
6. Trace the evolved relationship between the Britain and Netherland in the process of the establishment of colonies during the 17th and 18th Centuries.
7. Discuss the role of Captain James Cook in relation to the explorations in the Pacific Ocean in 18th Century.
8. "The Great Britain was the factory of the world during 1815-1870" analyze this statement.

Part III

9. Explain the special features of British colonial process in Australia and New Zealand.
10. Trace the expansion of British Empire during the Victorian period.

11. Discuss the way in which anti-colonial movements in Asia affected to the British Empire.

12. Write short historical notes on any **two** of the following.

(a) British Royal Navy

(b) Suez Channel

(c) Benjamin Disraeli

(d) Imperial Conference in 1926