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**CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**General Degree Examination (External) in Arts – 2017  
(2018 December)**

**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.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

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

**Part I**

1. Write a historical note of the significance of Henry VIII's reign in England.
2. “The Elizabethan era from 1558 to 1603 was the Golden Age of England.” Analyze.
3. Examine the causes of the Anglo-Spanish war in the period 1585-1604.
4. Critically discuss the process of the establishment of British settlements in North America.

**Part II**

5. Explain the role played by the English East India Company in establishment of colonies in the Indian Ocean during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.
6. Examine the historical significance of the 1688 English revolution.
7. What were the social and political consequences of Industrial revolution which took place in Great Britain?
8. “The aim of the Chartist movement was to influence for the working classes to gain political rights” Discuss.

### Part III

9. Trace the evolution of British colonialism in Canada.
10. Analyze the main stages of the establishment of British power in the Indian Sub-continent during the period 1757-1858.
11. What were the challenges confronted by the British Colonial Empire during the period 1918 to 1939.
12. Write historical notes on any **two** of the following.
  - a. Boer Wars
  - b. Abolition of Slavery
  - c. *Pax Britannica* in the Indian Ocean
  - d. Winston Churchill