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General Degree Examination (External) in Arts - 2014

(August 2015)

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 sketchmaps where appropriate.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total number of Questions in this paper is **Twelve (12)**.

Part I

1. What are the main features which help to identify the 20<sup>th</sup> century world as a single world system?
2. Examine the factors that led to the First World War.
3. Critically analyse the position of the International Communist Movement during the period 1919 to 1945.

Part II

4. "The crisis of the world balance of power paved the way for the Second World War." Examine this statement.
5. Examine the factors that contributed to the rise of America as a world power.
6. How did the de-colonization affect the world political process?

**Part III**

7. Analyse the Sino-Soviet relationship since 1949.
8. Explain the balance of power in the Far-East during the second half of the twentieth century.
9. Discuss the evolution of the cold war until 1962.

**Part IV**

10. What are the main features of the East-West détente between 1962 and 1976?
11. Explain the nature of economic under-development in the third world.
12. Write historical notes on any two of the following.
  - (a) V.I. Lenin
  - (b) Development of Welfare State
  - (c) SAARC Organization
  - (d) Islamic Fundamentalism