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HI3K6

INDIA AND THE PROBLEM OF POSTCOLONIAL DEMOCRACY

Time allowed: 7 days

Paper Published: 07 September 09:00am

Submission: By 11:00am on 14 September via Tabula

Answer TWO questions - Each question is limited to 1500 words.

Assessment Guidance:

- You MUST read the supporting information on the History website:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/covid19andstrikeinformation/covidexam/>
 - You MUST submit answers on Tabula by 11:00am on the deadline date (all deadlines can be found on the departmental exam timetable (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/covid19andstrikeinformation/covidexam/spt-tt>) or on your Tabula assessment page).
 - You MUST ensure that you upload the correct answer paper to the correct module.
 - Your exam answer paper MUST include:
 - Student ID number.
 - The module code and the module title.
 - Clearly state which questions have been answered.
 - Answers should be a maximum of 1500 words.
 - Answers are not expected to include a bibliography or footnotes, however, if you have consulted any materials please list these at the end of your answers.
 - Answers should NOT include any significant amount of material already presented in ANY assessed work.
 - Where necessary, papers for modules affected by industrial action in the 2019-2020 academic year include additional questions to provide a full range of topics.
 - This take-home assessment is a one-year variance from the normal examination format due to COVID-19 and will apply only in the 2019-2020 academic year.
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1. How was the nature of the post-colonial state in India influenced by the colonial legacy?

2. Discuss the causes and consequences of the Emergency of 1975-77.

3. What were the main issues around which feminist campaigns were organized in the 1970s and 1980s?

4. Has India been an 'atypical' democracy?

5. Why was Hindu nationalism so marginal to Indian politics till the 1970s, and why did it expand so rapidly afterwards?

OR

Discuss the distinctive features of the Hindu Right in India.

6. How have Dalit and lower-caste assertions transformed Indian democracy?

7. What were the main priorities of postcolonial nation-building in the Nehru period?

8. Discuss the principal developments within the Communist movement in the first decade after Independence.

9. Discuss the trajectory of Maoist-oriented revolutionary politics since the 1960s.

10. Is the concept of 'passive revolution' useful for an understanding of India's democratic trajectory?

11. What does the career of Lalu Prasad Yadav in Bihar tell you about the relationship between caste and democracy in India?

12. Why were socialist claims so important in the early history of postcolonial India?

13. What were the kinds of emancipation and disappointment experienced by women revolutionaries during the Telangana uprising?

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