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- Notes : 1. All questions are compulsory.
2. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What led to the discovery of a new sea route to India by Vasco Da Gama in 1498 A.D.? Discuss its far-reaching consequences in India.

OR

Write a note on the arrival of British East India Company in India and its subsequent expansion of power in Bengal.

2. What do you mean by Lord Wellesley's 'Subsidiary Alliance System'? Discuss its advantages to the company and its disadvantages to Native Indian Rulers.

OR

What were the important causes leading to the Battle of Buxar in 1764 A.D.? Evaluate its tremendous impact on British rule in India.

3. Discuss how the tussle between executive and the judiciary fully exposed the weaknesses of British System in India during famous Cossijurah Case (1779-80) with valid arguments.

OR

What was the famous Patna Case of 1777-79 A.D.? How far it confused the entire justice delivery system in India? Briefly analyse its consequences.

4. Write a note on the growth of Modern Communication System under British East India Company with special reference to development of Railways.

OR

What led to the historians to say that the Woods' Despatch of 1854 A.D. is the true 'Magna Carta' of modern education in India? Examine the efforts taken by the British East India Company in developing modern education prior to 1857 A.D.

5. Do you think that the Revolt of 1857 was truly India's 'First War of Independence'? Justify your answer with proper historical facts.

OR

What were the circumstances leading to the Revolt of 1857 A.D.? Throw light on its popularity in India especially in the Northern part.
