

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

**Making of the Contemporary World-HS8.101**

**Mid-semester Exam**

**Date-28/02/2025**

Max Time: <sup>90</sup>~~120~~ Minutes

**Max Marks: 30 (10x3)**

**Instructions:** Answer **any three** of the following four questions in approximately 500 words  
Each

**Q1)** Write an essay reflecting on the ways in which the Enlightenment presented a rupture both as a distinct historical period as well as process of socio-political development unbound to time and space.

**Q2)** Why did the colonists revolt against the British government during the American Revolution? What were the kinds of debates and discussions that took place in the immediate aftermath of the Revolution regarding the kind of polity and society that the newly independent United States of America wanted to build?

**Q3)** It is commonly accepted that the French Revolution began with the meeting of the Estates General, at the summon of Louis XVI on May 5, 1789. However, the factors responsible for bringing France to that moment were much deeper and structural. Keeping this in mind, write an essay on the long-term causes of the French Revolution.

**Q4)** Write an essay on the impact of the Russian Revolution at the national and the global level while critically reflecting on its legacy.