Answer any <u>one</u> of the following questions (all questions are of equal value) Please restrict your answer between 1500 to 2000 words Your answer should be well-researched and organized with proper citation.

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- 1. According to the class lectures and your required readings, what 'verdict' can be passed on the record of the British Empire or 'Raj' in the Indian subcontinent, from the conquest of Bengal (1757) to the establishment of the Dominions of Pakistan and India in August 1947? What were the benefits and disadvantages of British rule, for Bengal and the Indian subcontinent? Discuss.
- 2. How and why were the partitions of Bengal in 1905 and 1947 different from each other? What forces and circumstances informed the divisions in each instance? Analyze and discuss based on your class lectures and required readings.

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