

Please answer all three questions. Each question carries 20 marks, and wherever necessary, the break-up for each specific query is given in parentheses. Please structure your answers for which you might want to use a page for ordering your thoughts while keeping an eye on the time.

3Qs x 20 marks = 60; 90 minutes

1. Scholars have traced the origin of certain contemporary Indian institutions to the establishment of British rule in India. Indeed, some believe that the British created the Modern Indian nation-state. Explain how the British mastered the vast Indian geographic space and its numerous inhabitants in the period between the late 18th century and the late 19th century towards unifying a variety of geo-cultural regions.
2. Gandhi spoke of Jawaharlal Nehru as his political heir but in the couple of years immediately preceding independence, their candid mail correspondence evidenced clearly contrasting views on how either of them imagined India. How did Gandhi and Nehru envision India? Critique the differences in their views.
3. Write brief essays on the following:
 - 3.1. What is secularism? What is its significance to contemporary India (10)
 - 3.2. What is the *right to information*? How has it deepened democracy in India? (10)