

## **Entry Test**

Academic Session 2025-26

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## Section A

Answer the following question.

This question is about the British in India during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

1 Study the sources (Insert) carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

## SOURCE A

In May 1876, Benjamin Disraeli, the Conservative Prime Minister, made Queen Victoria Empress of India. He said this would link the monarchy more closely with India and would underline Britain's position as a world power. The Queen was pleased with this arrangement and saw India as a jewel in the crown of her empire, a place full of vibrant colours, gems, fruits and spices. As such Queen Victoria viewed India as a land to be governed by British order and justice so that protection could be given to the Indian people against war, rebellion, famine and illiteracy.

Adapted from a history website

## SOURCE B



An image portraying a legend about Tipu Sultan, ruler of Mysore (artist unknown)

- (a) According to Source A, why was Queen Victoria made Empress of India? [3]
- (b) What can we learn from Source B about Tipu Sultan, ruler of Mysore? [5]
- (c) Explain the impact of railways on the lives of Indian people in the nineteenth century.[7]
- (d) To what extent were the different aims of Indian groups in 1857 the main reason why the War of Independence was short-lived? Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 25]