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History

## HI 384 SOCIAL HISTORY OF COLONIAL NORTH AMERICA

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Time Allowed: **Two Hours**

Answer: **Three Questions**

1 Critically discuss and analyse the evidence of social and cultural activity in pre-Columbian North America. (Make particular reference to Cahokia and Mississippian culture).

2 What role did the clash in cultural and religious identities between Franciscans and Pueblo Indians play in the 1680 revolt led by Popé?

3 What specific economic motivations pushed the Virginia Company to settle in Jamestown?

4 "Wee shall be as a Citty upon a Hill, eies of all people are uppon us; soe that if wee shall deale falsely with our god in this worke wee have undertaken and soe cause him to withdrawe his present help from us, wee shall be made a story and a by-word through the world."

*John Winthrop, Letters, 1630.*

Critically analyse and discuss the reasons behind the Puritan settlement of Massachusetts.

5 Critically discuss and analyse the reasons behind the failure in missionary activity in colonial French America?

- 6 What factors led to the transformation of Virginia into a slave society? (Make specific reference to the importance of tobacco in the plantation economy)
- 7 To what extent do witch trials provide us with information about tensions in the society of Colonial New England? (Make specific reference to gender and class divisions).
- 8 Analyse the factors that led to the dominant position of the 'Goose Creek Men' in the early settlement of the Carolinas.
- 9 To what extent were the colonists of the Middle Colonies different to those in the Chesapeake and New England, 1600-1700?
- 10 Discuss the significance of the Glorious Revolution, and its aftermath, on colonial British America. (Make specific reference to the extent of legal and economic changes in the relationship between the mother country and the colonies).
- 11 Critically discuss and analyse the impact of the Great Awakening on the restructuring of religious practice in colonial British America. (Make specific reference to the birth of revivalist religious movements).
- 12 Critically discuss and analyse the extent to which Britain co-existed in an uneasy relationship with Spain and France in the governance of its colonial empire in North America, 1650-1756.
- 13 "There was no Posture of Hostility in America against Great Britain, but Britain put herself in a Posture of Hostility against America."  
*Benjamin Franklin, 'Good Humour', 1769.*  
To what extent did American colonists place the blame for the beginning of the War of Independence on the British government?