

2017**M. A.****4th Semester Examination****HISTORY****PAPER—HIS-402***Full Marks : 50**Time : 2 Hours*

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all questions

1. How did environmental history emerge as a separate discipline in USA and Europe? 10

Or

What were the new issues of research in environmental history of South Asia from the 1980s? 10

2. Identify the characteristics of the subsistence economy and land and forest use in the Chotanagpur plateau as identified by Vinita Damodaran and Sanjukta Dasgupta. 10

Or

Discuss the impact of the forest laws of 1860s on the forests of British Sikkim. What was its impact on the Rong (Lepcha) community? 10

(Turn Over)

3. Do you agree with Michael Mann that colonial urbanization and consequent deforestation was responsible for the climate change in the plains of Ganga Jamuna doab? 10

Or

'Cherrapunji the place for highest rainfall had to be abandoned as a colonial settlement because of water scarcity'. Identify the reasoning offered by recent researches about the causes of this water scarcity. 10

4. How does Arabinda Samanta argue about the fallacies of the multipurpose river valley project on Damodar? 10

Or

Why was Uranium prospecting in Balapakkam national park in the Garo hills of Meghalaya withdrawn? Would you argue that the dialectics of the protest against this project reflect the dialectics of development discourse? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]
