

2012

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-303

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

Group-A

1. How has the practice of history writing been influenced by its relationship with the social sciences? 10

Or

Discuss those aspects of Orientalist and Utilitarian depiction of past Indian society that Nationalist writers accepted / rejected and why. 10

2. Narrate how the Varna system came into existence in India. How would you distinguish between Varna and Jati? 10

(Turn Over)

Or

What do you mean by social mobility within the caste system? In this context describe how the two notions of 'Sanskritization' and 'Westernization' of M. N. Srinivas were reflected in the caste upliftment movement among the Mahisyas of Purba Medinipur. 10

Group-B

3. How do anthropologists and historian differ in their perception of Tribes? 10

Or

How would you situate the condition of the Malangs — survival for resistance or resistance for survival? 10

4. Show how Durkheim and Marx explain differently the role of religion as regards social integration? 10

Or

Why did religion get inextricably mixed up with social reform prodromes in 19th century India? Discuss the issue with actual examples. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]