

2012

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-202

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

Group—A

1. How did the Cold War originate as a global affair ? Discuss in this context the different aspects of structural explanations of the Cold War. 10

Or

What do you think about the real motive of Soviet Policy towards Eastern Europe during Joseph Stalin's regime ? Was it an outcome of practical consideration or ideological expression ? 10

2. Do you argue that Korea became the first real battleground of the Cold War in Asia? 10

Or

Enumerate the perspectives and main factors behind Iraq's attack on Kuwait (1990). 10

Group—B

3. What are the main characteristic features of 'Third World'? Is it only a 'fantasy' or a concept of hard reality in contemporary global scenario? 10

Or

Critically review the economically oppressed conditions of the African people till 1950s. Which economic causes shaped their attitude towards liberation from the European Control? 10

4. What were the main purposes to form a suitable organisation for 'power of the community' after the 2nd World War? How did the European national states involve themselves in this initiative? 10

Or

Would you argue that Glasnost and Perestroika represented the 'new thinking' of Mikhail Gorbachev? How far were they responsible for the dissolution of the Soviet Union? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]