

M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2013

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-102

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

GROUP – A

1. Bring out the conflicting approaches of historians regarding the relative importance of fact and interpretation in the writing of history. 10

Or

Write a brief note on the conceptual aspects of 'Rankean approach' to history. How far is it significant in historical practice ? 10

(Turn Over)

(2)

2. Make a review of G. M. Trevelyan's idea of history, with special reference to social history writing. 10

Or

In what ways are the historical views of R.H. Tawney distinct in the field of historiography? Discuss with special emphasis on the 'Gentry Thesis'. 10

GROUP – B

3. Trace the trajectory of development of the 'Social banditry' thesis by Eric Hobsbawm between 1959-1999. Would you support Anthony Block's assumptions that "what is wrong with Hobsbawm's perception of brigandage is that it pays too much attention to the peasants and bandits themselves"? 10

Or

How did E. P. Thompson promote a new approach to the study of 'history from below'? 10

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4. Evaluate the writings of Marx and Engels on the rebellion of 1857 as part of the broader historiography on the subject. 10

Or

Make a critical evaluation of Sushobhon Sarkar's ideas on the Bengal Renaissance. 10

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]
