

**MA 1st Semester Examination, 2013**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER – HIS- 103**

*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. What reasons prompted the British Parliament to intervene in the East India Company's affairs from 1773 onwards? Why did the process of usurpation of the Company's privileges and powers last upto 1858 ? 10

*( Turn Over )*

( 2 )

*Or*

Discuss the context in which a campaign was launched against 'Thuggee' and evaluate the special features of the Thuggee Act XXX of 1836. 10

2. How was the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture used as a symbol of power representation by the British in India ? 10

*Or*

Assess the extent to which women's education underwent a 'change' during colonial rule in India. 10

**GROUP –B**

3. Why did the British opt for the Raiyatwari System in South India ? Discuss its economic and social consequences. 10

*Or*

Discuss the nature and impact of indigo cultivation in 19th century Bengal as an instance of 'forced commercialisation'. 10

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4. Discuss the experience of TISCO to assess the nature of industrialisation in colonial India. 10

*Or*

Analyse the implication of the railways for the Indian economy. 10

[ *Internal Assessment – 10 Marks* ]

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