

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2013

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS - 202

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

GROUP – A

1. What are the main aspects of George Basalla's 'Diffusionist model' of spread of western science? How far is it accepted in the context of colonial India. 10

Or

How would you explain the real motive of the East India company towards scientific

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activities in colonial India ? Were they guided by their colonial interest or the search for scholarship in true sense ? 10

2. Was the colonial initiative in public health guided by imperialist interest ? How did the Indians react to it ? 10

Or

Discuss the different approaches regarding the Memsahib's 'madness' in late 19th century India in the light of contemporary and modern writings. 10

GROUP – B

3. How did the scientific achievements of P.C. Ray help the growth of nationalism in India ? 10

Or

Critically analyse the state of Unani medicine in modern Bengal during the colonial rule. 10

4. Why did the East India Company introduce technological applications in India? Did the Indians take interest in them? 10

Or

Assess Radhanath Sikdar's contributions in the context of development of modern science in colonial India. 10

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]