

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2013

HISTORY

PAPER — HIS-204

Full Marks : 40

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. How do the subalternist concepts of hegemony and autonomy help to understand the nature of the Indian Freedom movement. 10

Or

How far is Anil Seal's contention that the Moderate Congress was a "ramshackle set of local linkages whose task was to organize an annual tamasha" true? 10

(Turn Over)

2. Do you think that the Reunion of Bengal in 1911 is only another example of the Divide and Rule Policy of the British? Give reasons for your answer. 10

Or

What were the implications of the First World War for the Indian Economy and Policy? 10

GROUP – B

3. How would you assess the role of 'salt satyagraha' as a symbol of resistance against the British Government in India. What role did women play in this movement? 10

Or

"... there was a widespread acceptance of the primacy of Congress at one level, there were at the same time autonomous forces at work at another level that repeatedly challenged the notion of a necessary Congress leadership". Critically analyse the statement with reference to the Quit India movement of 1942. 10

4. Critically analyse the role of Worker's and Peasants Party and its mouth pieces *Langa!* and *Ganabani* in mobilizing workers' and peasants' demands against the British Raj. Why were the members of this organization dragged into the Meerut Conspiracy Case ? 10

Or

How were the anti-Caste and anti-Brahmin movements of South and West India linked with the national question ? Indicate in this connection the role of E. V. Ramaswami Periyar, Bharati Dasan and Singaravelar Chettiar. 10