

2010

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HI-2414

Full Marks : 40

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. What were the main approaches of the British East India Company towards science policy in colonial India? Discuss with special reference to various survey activities.

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Or

Discuss the activities of the British East India Company with regard to the development of technology prior to 1858 with special reference to the introduction of telegraph system in colonial India.

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

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(Turn Over)

Or

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

Group—B

3. What was the colonial attitude towards Ayurveda? Discuss briefly the rejuvenation of this system of medicine in modern colonial Bengal. 10

Or

What do you mean by nationalist science? How do you argue the emergence of such a scientific thought as a counter discourse of colonial science in India?

4. Evaluate the perspectives of the foundation of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science. Enumerate its activities from 1876 to 1947 as a pioneering institution of nationalist science. 10

Or

Critically examine the growth of the profession of midwifery in colonial India as modern to women's profession? How did the British authority take an active part in this regard?
