

**2010**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HI-2416**

*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

1. How did the writings on the environmental history of Europe, U.S.A. and Africa contribute to the development of the writing of environmental history of India. 10

Or

How would you identify British imperial aggression on watershed in India's environmental history?

2. How did the imperial forest policy change the environmental and social landscape of Chotanagpur plateau? Why did the Tana Bhagat Movement occur? 10

Or

What were the salient features of the imperial forest policy in India? Was there a change since 1870s?

(Turn Over)

3. How does Elizabeth Whitcombe analyse the environmental costs of irrigation in colonial North India? 10

Or

How did the East India Company revenue and land policy impact upon the ecology and climate of the Ganga Yamuna Doab area by the 1840s.

4. Compare the environmental ideas and development vision of independent India in the pre-1970s and the post-1970s period. Analyse in this connection the protest and governmental reaction to the Mahanadi Valley Project and Normada Valley Project respectively. 10

Or

Would you argue with R. Ramachandran that the issue of purity of Gangajal put a bigger question mark on the Tehri dam than what the seismic controversy has done to the progress of the dam in the last two decades? Explain in this connection the involvement of Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the anti dam policies.