

**2014**

**M. A.**

**1st Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HIS-101**

*Full Marks : 50*

*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. Explain, with reference to the nature of the political organisation of the early and later Vedic ages, the terms like Visapati, Vratapah, Vismatta, rastrabhrit, bhoja, and rajan.**

10

*Or*

**What was the social and material basis of kingship in the Vedic period? Explain the changes.**

10

*(Turn Over)*

2. Discuss the nature of "gana" and "Sangha" in the politics of ancient India. 10

*Or*

Discuss the nature of monarchical states in ancient India as revealed in ancient Indian political thought. 10

**Group—B**

3. How has the term "medieval" been defined in the context of early medieval state formation in the post-Gupta age? 10

*Or*

How has the feudal state system been debated by scholars of different schools of historical thought? 10

4. Discuss the formation of states in South India with reference to social and economic factors. 10

*Or*

How would you characterise the Chola state? Discuss with reference to different view points. 10

**[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]**