

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-203

SOCIAL HISTORY OF COLONIAL INDIA

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group - A

Answer any four questions. 4×2

1. What are the three 'traditional' types of social history?
2. Why did a 'new' social history proliferate after the Second World War?

(Turn Over)

3. What is meant by 'tribe-caste continuum'?
4. What were the characteristic features of traditional Santhal society?
5. What were the two bases of personal morality in traditional Bengali society?
6. Mention the reasons for Medinipur's importance in pre-colonial times.

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

7. Why can social history not be differentiated from other histories on the basis of subject-matter?
8. What are the five major ways that History has borrowed from the social sciences?
9. How did Henry Louis Morgan characterise a 'tribe'?

10. Briefly explain the change in attitude towards women among the Bengali Hindu elite that occurred after c. 1750.
11. Why have Shibaji Bandyopadhyay and Sumit Sarkar criticised Vidyasagar about his attitude towards the child?
12. What types of crime were committed, and what official measures were taken, in early colonial Medinipur town?

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions. 2×8

13. What are the three major characteristics of 'new' social history, according to E. J. Hobsbawm?
14. Why do western concepts of 'tribe' fail to adequately explain Indian reality?
15. Discuss the nature of adult-child relation as reflected in Vidyasagar's *Barnaparichay*.

16. Critically analyse the growth of Medinipur in colonial times.

[Internal assessment - 10]
