

2015

M.A. Part-I Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—IV

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 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.*

Answer any six questions.

1. Under what circumstances did Mir Jumla become the Subahdar of Bengal? Discuss the condition of Bengal during his time.
2. Analyse the economic conditions of Bengal during the reign of Shaista Khan.
3. Narrate the events that led to the establishment of the Calcutta Zamindari of the English in 1698.
4. To what extent were the prospects of British trade in Bengal affected by the hostility of the Mughal establishment in Bengal in the late seventeenth century?

5. What was the importance of the rebellion of Sobha Singh in the 1690s?
6. What was the impact of Murshid Quli Khan's land revenue system on the agrarian economy of Bengal?
7. Give a brief account of Shujauddin's tenure as the Nawab of Bengal. What specific changes in land revenue collection and administration were brought about by him?
8. Assess the significance of the change in dynastic rule in 1740. How would you explain the success of Alivardi Khan?
9. What role did the Jagat Seths play in the economy and politics of eighteenth century Bengal?
10. Review the impact of the Maratha incursions on Bengali society and economy.
11. Write a brief essay on the development of Bengali literature during the period of your study.
12. Give a critical analysis of the caste system in eighteenth century Bengal.