

2016

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-302

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

Group-A

1. Discuss the Cambridge interpretation of Indian rationalism as an instance of how new social history influenced the writing of political history. 10

Or

How did James Mill apply Utilitarian ideas to understand the nature of Indian society? 10

(Turn Over)

2. What are the different ideas regarding the origin and function of caste in India? 10

Or

What is meant by social mobility in the context of caste society? Discuss the Mahisya movement in colonial Medinipur as an instance of social mobility endeavour. 10

Group-B

3. Discuss briefly the three major inter-pretations of Tribe. To what extent do they help into understand the nature of Indian tribal society in the past? 10

Or

How did colonial intrusion affect the adivasis of Jangal Mahal? Discuss the resultant resistance movements of the area. 10

4. How did Max Weber explain early capitalist endeavour as a consequence of 'ascetic' Protestantism? 10

Or

How did the Brahmos reevaluate religious tenets and invent religious practice to come to terms with a changed situation in colonial India? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]