

2016

M. A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-402

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. How did Environmental History emerge as a discipline in South Asian History?

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Or

Would you agree with Mahesh Rangarajan that from the nineties of the last century— historical anthropology, political ecology, development and protest discourses have all become part of environmental history?

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2. How does Shiva-Ramakrishnan decipher the interrelation between early Colonial State formation and forest management in South-West Bengal?

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(Turn Over)

Or

How does Benay Bhushan Choudhuri use the term environmental determinism in identifying the agrarian transformation in the country of Singhbhum during colonial times? What light do the researches of Sanjukta Dasgupta throw on this? 10

Group—B

3. Analyse the famine policy of the colonial state. How does Binita Damodaran link it with the ecological changes of the Hazaribag region? 10

Or

Analyse in the light of researches by Elizabeth Whitcombe, the environmental costs of irrigation constructions in the United Provinces in Colonial times. 10

4. Would you argue that Bhopal Gas Tragedy marked the first milestone in the growth of protest discourse on environmental concerns in India? How does Smita Narayan review it after thirty years? 10

Or

Give a critical account of Tiger Conservation in Kanha Tiger Reserve. Review the polemics between conservationists and anti-dislocationists the Baiga Communities. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]