

**2016**

**M.A.**

**1st Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HIS-102**

*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. What new trends does Mahesh Rangarajan identify in research on the environmental History of South Asia ?

10

*Or*

Analyse with reference to the work of Vinita Damodaran, how indigeneous discourse on the tribal life of Chotanagpur in Colonial time can be read as a discourse on ecological nationalism.

10

*(Turn Over)*

2. Write a critical note on Sivaramakrishnan's work on early colonial state making and forest management in South West Bengal. 10

Or

How was the subsistence livelihood of the Baiga community of Maikal range connected to the ecology of the region ? 10

**Group-B**

3. What was the causes and consequences of the rat famines in the Lusai Hills in the life of the Mijo tribals in colonial India ? 10

Or

Would you argue that the technological choice for mining in the Piparwar coal mine was responsible for the pollution of the Damodar river ? 10

4. Analyse the importance of the Chipko Movement as the first important grassroot level effort fo environmentalism in India. 10

Or

Describe the different aspects of contesting wild life conservation in contemporary India with special reference to Project Tiger and Kanha National Park ? 10

**[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]**