

2016

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-104

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.

1. Discuss Arnold Toynbee's characterization of the Industrial Revolution. In what respects do the views of J H Clapham differ from those of Toynbee? 10

Or

Briefly describe the traditional explanations for the causes behind the first Industrial Revolution in England. How does E J Hobsbawm differ from others regarding this issue? 10

2. Explain the agricultural system in pre-modern England. Show how changes in cultivation practices and systems

(Turn Over)

of landholding brought about the Agricultural Revolution in modern England. 10

Or

Make an assessment of the impact of Commercial Revolution on the economy of England. 10

3. What part did governmental policy play in ushering the British Industrial Revolution? 10

Or

Discuss the growth of cotton industry during the Industrial Revolution. What were the difficulties faced by the industry? 10

4. Discuss the changes in the conditions of work and the transition from family labour to individual labour with special reference to the Factory Acts. 10

Or

Do you think that the controversy between the 'optimists' and 'pessimists' regarding the standard of living of the English working class can be resolved? Give reasons for your answer. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]
