

2017

M. A.

2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-202

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.

1. Why did the British Parliament decide to intervene in the East India's Company's affairs? Explain how it took away the Company's economic and political privileges between 1773 and 1858. 10

Or

How did the East India Company's army evolve as the most effective instrument of coercion by the late 19th and early 20th centuries? 10

2. Discuss how the preservation of British racial privileges in the Ilbert Bill of 1884 was coded in a gendered language. 10

Or

Briefly state the steps in science education in India between 1792 and 1857. What do they reveal about the nature of the East India Company's educational policy? 10

3. Explain the essential features of the Rayatwari system of land revenue, with special reference to the contributions made by Thomas Munro to its evolution. 10

Or

What were the reasons behind the commercialization of agriculture in colonial India? To what extent did it affect the agrarian economy of the subcontinent? 10

4. Discuss the growth of modern cotton industry in India between the 1860s and 1940s. What obstacles did it face and how did it overcome them? 10

Or

With special reference to locomotive purchase, discuss how railways became an instrument of Britain's economic imperialism in India. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]