

**2017**

**M. A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HIS-401**

*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 far do you agree that the European diplomatic alignments before the World War I were more defensive than aggressive? In this context consider the role of diplomacy during World War I. 10

*Or*

Why were the Balkans an unstable area in the early twentieth century? To what extent did the Balkan peninsula contribute to the outbreak of war in 1914? 10

*(Turn Over)*

2. Trace the historical background against which the Weimar Republic came in to being. Discuss its activities in the post-war period. 10

Or

What were the major factors that led to the establishment of Socialist State in Russia? Do you consider this event as the pre-history of cold war? 10

**Group—B**

3. What do you know about the mandate system? Discuss in this connection the British mandate in Iraq between the two World Wars. 10

Or

Critically analyse the emergence of Arab Nationalism after the first World War. What role did Saudi Arabia play in this regard? 10

4. How would you analyse the 'American policy of isolation' between the two World Wars? Why did America finally reject this policy to enter the war? 10

Or

Critically examine the prominent factors behind Second World War with special reference to 'the policy of appeasement'. 10

*[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]*