

2018

M.A. 1st Seme. Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-105

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.

Paper : 105(A)

(Social History of Colonial India)

Group-A

Answer any *four* questions.

4×2

1. What were the attributes of a historian in the period between 16th – 19th Centuries ?
2. Why did political administrative history become predominant in the period C. 1870 – C. 1930 ?
3. What is the difference between varna and jati ?

(Turn Over)

4. What are the three major definitions of Tribe ?
5. How did colonial rule affect adversely the adivasis of Jangal Mahal ?
6. Define briefly patriarchy and gender.
7. Despite differences, why would you regard both Sanskrit drama and the Jatra as traditional drama forms ?
8. What were the reasons for the new phase in Bengali Children's literature in the period C. 1880 – C. 1920 ?

Group-B

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

9. What ought to be the three salient features of Social History, according E. J. Hobsbawm ?
10. Briefly, how did Orientalist and Ulilitarian visions of Indian society differ ?
11. Briefly discuss Cambridge interpretation of Indian nationalism as an example of social interpretation of politics.
12. What were the attributes of the consciousness of Indian factory labourers during the colonial period ?
13. Why is it difficult to apply western concepts of Tribe in the Indian scenerio ?

14. Account for the increase in importance of the son in the Bengali family after the 1850s ?
15. What prompted the colonial government to promulgate the Dramatic Performances Act of 1876 ?
16. Show how children's literature reflected a new sensibility towards the girl-child in modern Bengali society ?

Group-C

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

17. Explain how the social sciences influenced history writing in the 20th century in at least five ways ?
18. How did the address of Jangal Mahal react to colonial rule ? To what extent was their upsurge assimilated by the mainstream national movement ?
19. How did Upendrakishore Raychaudhuri's Sandesh represent a new idea of childhood and a new attitude towards children in colonial Bengali society ?
20. Explore modern Bengali theatre as a conduct of social consciousness and political protest of the educated middle class in the colonial period.

Internal Assessment — 10

Paper : 105(B)

(India and the World : The Making of a Foreign Policy)

Group-A

Answer any *four* questions.

4×2

1. Arrange the following events in the correct chronological order from the earliest to the latest :
 - (a) Bandung Conference,
 - (b) Panchsheel Agreement,
 - (c) Sino-Indian War,
 - (d) Political asylum to Dalia Lama.
2. When did independent 'Union of Burma' come into existence ? Who was the first Prime Minister of Burma ?
3. Between which countries does McMohan Line lie ?
4. Write the full form of ASEAN. Name any two member countries of this association.
5. Briefly introduce the following operations taken by India in Maldives :
 - (a) Operation Cactus,
 - (b) Operation Castor.

6. In which year did India conduct its first peaceful nuclear explosion ? What is the code name of this test ?
7. In which year and under whose prime-ministership did India fight Kargil war against Pakistan ?
8. Why is the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack different in nature from other terror attacks which took place in India since 1947 ?

Group-B

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

9. Write a short note on the geostrategic situation of Maldives.
10. What do you understand by 'Look East Policy' ?
11. Write a short note on Non-Alignment Movement.
12. Point out three issues in Indo-Bangladesh bilateral relations.
13. Describe SAFTA in detail.
14. Write a note on 'Panchsheel'.
15. Briefly describe the Indo-Burmese relations during the years 1988-1990.
16. Why is the Indian Ocean so important in India's foreign policy ?

Group-CAnswer any *two* questions.

2×8

17. Discuss the objectives and the principles of India's Foreign Policy.
18. What importance does the Central Asian Region hold for India's economic and strategic interests ?
19. Analyse the main points of tension in Indo-Pak. relationship.
20. To what extent is it correct to say that India is moving away from Russia by getting close to U.S.A. ?

Internal Assessment — 10**Paper : 105(C)***(Agrarian History of Colonial India)***Group-A**Answer any *four* questions.

4×2

1. What is meant by agrarian crisis of Mughal Empire ?
2. Who said "Village in India is an architectural and demographic entity it is caste that is sociologically real" ?

3. Who wrote "*Homo Hierarchicus*" ?
4. Who were the Kamins in the traditional village society of Punjab ?
5. What was the relationship of patronage and exploitation among the *anavil* brahmins and *Hali* labours of Gujrat ?
6. What is meant by right and left hand caste as proposed by Arjun Appadurai as the 'root paradigm' ?
7. Why did the 'Deccan riots' occur ?
8. How did Shahid Amin identify sugarcane cultivation in Gorakhpur as a 'debt servicing' crop ?

Group-B

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

9. What do you understand by commercialization of agriculture in Colonial India ?
10. Write a short note on the Sikh revolt in Mughal India ? How far was it an agrarian protest ?
11. Why did the colonial administrators used the word 'little republic' to denote the villages of precolonial India ?
12. Write a short note on migration of plantation labour to the tea zone of north-east India.
13. What is depeasantisation ?

14. How does Neil Charles Worth differ from Rabinder Kumar regarding the plight of the cotton growers of Bombay Deccan ?
15. What was the salient argument of Malcolen Darling in his work '*Punjab Peasants in Prosperity and Debt*' ?
16. Why did the peasants of Bengal started cultivating Jute instead of rice ? What were its effects ?

Group-C

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

17. What was the idea of the British administrator's regarding self sufficiency of the village community ?
18. How does Prof Binay Bhusan Chaudhuri identify the reasons behind depeasantisation in Bengal and Bihar from nineteenth to early twentieth century ?
19. What effect did the increase in morelenders' power contributed to the rural indebtedness of the peasantry in colonial India ?
20. What were the reasons behind increasing peasant insecurity in Bombay Deccan. Analyse by Amiya Bagchi's proposition on the subject ?

Internal Assessment — 10
