

2018

M. A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-404

Subject Code—06

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

(Optional Course : Agrarian History of Colonial India)

1. Critically explain the British officials' idea and descriptions of the Village Community in India. 10

Or

How did the research of Irfan Habib identify the nature and activity of the *Panch* in precolonial Village Community.

10

2. Elucidate the views of Tapan Roychoudhuri on the mid-eighteenth century agrarian structure of India during the British take over. 10

Or

(Turn Over)

Identify the changes in agrarian settlement initiated by the British in Khashmahal areas of Burdwan during the period 1885-1902. 10

3. What was the nature of changes in proprietary right initiated by the Mahalidari system in north-central India. 10

Or

Why were famines a recurrent feature of nineteenth century India. 10

4. What were the reasons of rural indebtedness in British India. Discuss with examples from the case study of the peasant economy and sugarcane cultivation of Gorakhpur. 10

Or

How does Samita Sen and Priyanka Dutta Identify the conditions of agrarian labour in tea plantation of India. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]

(Optional Course : Historical Methods)

1. How did empiricism and positivism influence the writing of history as methodological approaches in the 19th century. 10

Or

How has E. H. Carr evaluated the significance and importance of facts in historical thought and writing. 10

2. What were the failing of history as an academic discipline of the 19th century, as discussed by E. J. Hobsbawhe ? 10

Or

What are the features of popular understanding of Marxist history ? How were those different from Marx's own thoughts ? 10

3. Briefly state what is Annales history, as distinguished from traditional history. Discuss with reference to the main proponents of Annales School and stages of the movement. 10

Or

What is meant by the Ran Kean trend in history writing ? Discuss with reference to development of historical thought since early times to Annales movement. 10

4. Discuss the revival of the Narrative and that of Politics in the Annales movements third stape of development. 10

Or

What is meant by the phrase from "Cellor to Attic" in the context of the Annales movement. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]

{Optional Course : Ideas and Thoughts in Modern India}

1. Do you agree with this view that MG Ranade was the chief advocate for British rule in India ? Give reasons for your answer. 10

Or

Discuss Sri Aurobindo's theory of Nationalism. 10

2. Analyse the basic socio-religious ideas of Dayananda Saraswati. Would you argue that the ideas reflected revivalist aspiration of the Hindus ? 10

Or

Write a short note on VD Savarkars theory of social change. 10

3. Analyse how Acharya Satish Chandra Mukhopadhyay set up an educational system which led to the prosperity of the nation. 10

Or

Explain Pandita Ramabai's contribution to women's rise and reform. 10

4. Explain how Subhas Chandra Bose exploited the international scenario during the Second World War in the interest of his anti-British strategies. 10

Or

Critically analyse Jawaharlal Nehru's scientific vision in making of a new India. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]