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M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

**HISTORY**

Paper - HIS 201

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group A**

Answer any *four* questions from the following :

4×2=8

1. What were the main clauses of the Regulating Act of 1773 ? What were the intentions behind introducing them ?
2. What privileges did the English East India Company lose by the Charter Acts of 1813 and 1833 ? What pressure-group prompted this action ?

[ Turn Over ]

3. How did E. G. Man romanticise Santhal life in *Sonthalia and the Santals* ?
4. What were H. H. Risley's motives behind compiling *The Tribes and Castes of Bengal* ?
5. What led to the rise of demand and consequent increase in the cultivation of indigo and jute in 19th century Bengal ?
6. What were the experiments in land revenue extraction carried out by the English East India Company in the period 1765-1793 ?
7. Which two situations may be labelled 'de-industrialisation' ?
8. Briefly indicate the relationship between transport and the state of economy.

### Group B

Answer any *four* questions from the following :

4×4=16

9. What were the chief criticisms against the English East India Company in Britain around the mid 18th Century ?
10. How did the Pitt's India Act of 1784 overcome the inadequacies of the Regulating Act of 1773 ?

11. How did E. T. Dalton, H. H. Risley and W. G. Archer characterise the tribes of Bengal ?
12. Why did peasants in Bengal take up indigo and jute initially for cash crop cultivation ?
13. What were Lord Cornwallis' justifications for introducing Permanent Settlement in Bengal ?
14. How did the Permanent Settlement affect the zamindars and peasants in Bengal ?
15. Why were the 1860s a difficult time for the modern cotton industry in India ? What led to an improvement in the 1870s and 1880s ?
16. What were the positive effects of the railways in colonial India ?

**Group - C**

Answer any *two* questions : 2×8=16

17. How did the British Parliament curb the English East India Company's powers and privileges between 1773 and 1858 ?
18. How did the perception of British administrators towards tribes in Bengal change in the course of the 19th century ?

[ Turn Over ]

19. What is meant by 'forced commercialisation' ? Discuss indigo cultivation in 19th century Bengal in this context.
20. Discuss the growth of the TISCO in a colonial situation.

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

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