

**2012**

**M.A.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HIS-204**

*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 does William Dalrymple analyse the Sepoy War of 1857? What qualification do the recent polemic on the subject throw on this analysis. 10

Or

Analyse the works of Ramesh Chandra Dutt as a critique of Colonial rule in India. 10

2. Briefly discuss Bankim Chandra's philosophy. How would you assess his influence on extremist politics? 10

Or

Do you think that the Partition of Bengal (1905) was politically motivated? 10

## Group—B

3. Examine the forces responsible for people's awakening in the Princely States on the eve of India's independence.

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Or

Why and how did the Quit India Movement cross the threshold of nonviolent agitation? Make a case study of Satara region in this regard.

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4. Analyse the role of Gopal Baba Valangkar and Shivram Janba Kamble in politicizing Dalit assertion against caste exclusion in Maharashtra. How does Anupama Rao trace the contiguity between Dalit's long term struggle for rights and social recognition and Ambedkar's representation of the Dalit as a political minority?

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Or

Explain with reference to the so called 'Two Nation Theory'. Nity Nair's contention that from the 1920s the Punjabi Hindu Community was more keen about partitioning Punjab than living in a Muslim majority province.

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**[ Internal Assessment : 10 Marks ]**

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