

2009

HISTORY

COURSE— HI-2103

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer **all** questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

GROUP — A

1. What differentiates a 'new' social history from earlier practices ? What are the three main features of this history as suggested by E. J. Hobshawm ? 10

(Turn Over)

(2)

Or

How do Orientalist-Utilitarian and Nationalist perceptions of Indian society differ ? 10

2. How would you differentiate between 'Varna' and 'Jati' ? 10

Or

How did the concept of 'Identity Crisis' evolve in India ? Explain with reference to a case study of caste uprising in Bengal during colonial times. 10

GROUP – B

3. What perceptions of 'Tribe' is found in the writings of administrators, missionaries and nationalists in colonial India ? 10

Or

How did colonial rule affect tribal life in the Jungle Mahals of Medinipur ? Point out the key elements of tribal rebellion against changed conditions in the area. 10

(3)

4. How would you explain the psycho-social role of religion in human life ? 10

Or

Describe the formation of a colonial milieu in Bengal. What tensions do you notice in the consequent socio-religious movement among the Brahmon ? 10

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]
