

2007

HISTORY

PAPER-IV

Full Marks 100

Time : 4 hours

The question are of equal value.

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

Write the answer to questions of each Group in separate books.

[Option-61

Answer six questions taking any *three* from each group.

Group-A

1. Review the Afghan polity that prevailed in India on the eve of Babur's invasion in 1526.
2. **Discuss** critically the Mughal Afghan contest that took **place in India** between 1530 & 1555. Trace the causes of Humayun's **failure**.
3. What was the nature of territorial expansion under the Mughals immediately after the assumption of political power by Akbar.
4. Describe with reference to the central, provincial and local **administration** the structure of the Mughal state **apparatus**.

- .5. Describe in detail the organizational structure of the military system under the Mughals.
6. Discuss critically the different types of land revenue demands prevalent in Mughal India as shown in the contemporary documents.

Group-B

7. Critically discuss the achievements of Peshwa Baji Rao I.
8. Would you argue that the continuous oppression on the peasant society ultimately created acute agrarian crisis in the Mughal India? How did the peasants protest against it?
9. Analyse the technological skill and enterprise of the artisans in Mughal India in ship-building and cannon-making industry. Would you argue that Indian artisans backed the enterprise to transform the industry?
10. What were the different types of inland trade in Mughal India and how were they related to a hierarchy of markets ?
11. Trace the development of the currency system in Mughal India, emphasizing the initiatives of Akbar as a reformer in this regard.
12. How does Athar Ali's concept of cultural backwardness qualify Irfan Habib's thesis of agrarian crisis and Satish Chandra's views of administrative crisis ?

Option-7)

Answer six questions taking any *three* from each. group.

Group-A

1. Would you say that 'approach and methods' and not 'subject matter' is what distinguishes a 'new' social history from the social histories of the past ?
2. What are the different theories regarding the origin of caste system ? Briefly indicate the features of this system in practice. .
3. What was the impact of Hindu hegemonic ideas on the **religious** ideas of the Santals ?
4. Examine the impact of the British economic policies on rural society of India.
5. Describe the different views about pre-colonial. village community in India.
6. Indicate the changes in agrestic servitude in Mysore since the late 19th century. What difficulties did the Holeru face in the changing circumstances ?

Group-B

7. What was the nature of reaction in the tribal and rural areas to early British administrative intervention ?
8. Why did the colonial government enact the Criminal Tribes Act in India?

9. Would you agree with the view that de-industrialisation **in India** was a 'myth'?
10. **To what extent was Indian cultural response to westernisation full of inconsistencies in early colonial India ? ,**
11. **Do you agree that the history of Balak Das is the history of reformist tendencies and self-improvement movement among the backward communities of eastern Bengal ?**
12. **How did western history writing influence the approaches to the study of history during the early part of colonial rule in India ?**