

2008

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HI-1102

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group-A

1. Bring out the conflicting approaches of historians to the relative importance of fact and interpretation in the writing of history. 10

Or

To what extent did the Enlightenment historiography change the concept of history? 10

2. How did M. Dobb explain the transition from feudalism to capitalism in Western Europe? 10

Or

Briefly mention the main points of argument of G. Lefebvre regarding the agrarian aspect of the French Revolution. 10

Group-B

3. Make a critical estimate of Eric Hobsbawm's idea of history was it influenced by the Marxist tradition and Annales school? 10

Or

- How did E. P. Thompson promote a new approach to the study of 'history from below'? What were his views on the growth of working class consciousness? 10

4. Narrate the historiographical debate on the revolt of 1857. 10

Or

Describe how the growth and activities of the middle class in colonial India is depicted by different historians in their writings. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10]
