

2010

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-2111

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.

Answer all questions.

Group-A

1. Discuss the changing relation between History and the Social Sciences in the 19th and the 20th Centuries.

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Or

How did nationalists perceive the Indian past? To what extent did they borrow from the Orientalists and the Utilitarians?

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2. What are the different theories regarding the origin of caste system in India? 10

Or

How did the upward social mobility movement among the Mahisyas of Medinipur in the late 19th and early 20th centuries contribute to the freedom movement in the area? 10

Group-B

3. Briefly discuss Service-Sahlins' evolutionary model of tribe. How has Betaille shown this to be untenable in the Indian context? 10

Or

How have historians variously characterized tribal rebellion in colonial India? To what extent do these hold true for advasi politics in Medinipur in the period 1760-1924? 10

4. How have Marx, Durkheim and Weber explained the social relevance of religion? 10

Or

Bring out the differences between 'transitional' and 'acculturative' religious reform initiatives in British India through a comparative study of the Faraizi and the Ramkrishna Mission movements. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10]