

**2010**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HI-2413**

*Full Marks : 40*

*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

1. Discuss how Karl Marx conceived the role of peasantry as a social and historical force. Was he able to predict its future revolutionary potential? 10

Or

Explain how Marx developed the ideal of materialist conception of history by 1859.

2. Point out the limitations of the base-superstructure model, and explain in that context, how Louis Althusser formulated an alternative explanation. 10

Or

Explain why the history of the Subaltern is linked to that of civil society. How did Gramsci propose to study subaltern class formation?

3. Discuss the Annales school perspective on division of time and its relation to the idea of the study of structures. 10

Or

Discuss the development of the Annales as a school of historical thought with reference to some key thinkers.

4. Discuss the narrative of Pyreneas Shepherd and his mental outlook as described by Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie. 10

Or

Explain the relation between historical narrative and literature. How does it farther the study of mentaliti?

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