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M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2014

HISTORY

PAPER – HIS-302

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. How has social science influenced history-writing in the last fifty years? Illustrate with the help of an example of new history-writing. 10**

(Turn Over)

(2)

Or

What was the utilitarian image of Indian society? How did it influence the nature of colonial administration?

2. Briefly explain the features of the caste system in India. Discuss, in this context, the social mobility in caste system with special reference to the terms 'Sanskritization' and 'Westernization' mentioned by M. N. Srinivas. 10

Or

Explain the caste uplift movement among the Mahisyas of Midnapure. How did this movement contribute to the anti-British movement in this area in the first half of the 20th century?

GROUP – B

3. How does Susana de Valle argue that Tribe is a 'colonial construct'? What is Benoy Bhushan Chaudhuri's contrary argument? 10

(3)

Or

How were tribal movements in Midnapur usurped by middle class leadership during the freedom movement ?

4. What do you mean by the social role of religion ? Discuss in this context the varying explanations of Marx and Weber. 10

Or

Differentiate between 'transitional' and 'acculturative' socio-religious reform movements in 19th century India. Discuss either Rammohan Ray or Syed Ahmad Khan's experience of leading acculturative movements within the colonial milieu.

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]