

2014

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-103

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.

Answer all questions.

Group—A

1. Discuss briefly the reaction in England to the East India Company's growing economic prosperity and political influence after 1757. What steps did the Parliament take in 1773 and 1784 to solve the impasse that the company had created? 10

Or

How did the fauzdari system gradually evolve to become a 'Police Raj' after the Revolt of 1857? 10

(Turn Over)

2. What is Oriental Despotism? Discuss how the British were at first critical about it but later subtly embraced it to justify their rule in India. 10

Or

What were the characteristic educational changes brought about by colonial intervention in Bengal in the 19th century? 10

Group—B

3. What were the compulsions behind the adoption of a Permanent Settlement in Bengal? How did it affect the various groups in Bengal agrarian society? 10

Or

Was the involvement of the Indian plasantry in commercial agriculture voluntary? 10

4. Review the course of the modern cotton industry in India, identifying its problems and the steps it had to take to overcome them. 10

Or

How has the notion of de-industrialization in colonial India been questioned by informed scholarship? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]
