

2015

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. Why did the Parliament first intervene in the East India Company's affairs? Show how a lasting solution was found only by the Pitt's Indian Act of 1784. 10

Or

Discuss how the development of the East India Company's army was integrally linked to the development of its Indian empire. 10

(Turn Over)

2. How far did the issue of race play a significant role in the 'White Mutiny' of late 19th century India? 10

Or

"Is Suttee a religious duty sanctioned by Hindu Law?"
Analyse how the colonial discourse on Suttee was constructed around this question. 10

Group—B

3. Why did Cornwallis decide upon a Permanent Settlement in 1793? How did it affect the different sections of Bengali agrarian society? 10

Or

Discuss indigo cultivation in 19th century Bengal as an instance of 'forced commercialisation.' 10

4. What were the obstacles that TISCO faced in the colonial situation and how did it strive to overcome them? 10

Or

Why did the railways fail to help bring about a structural transformation in the Indian economy during the colonial period? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]