

2015

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-302

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. Why is aim and method and not subject-matter regarded the distinguishing feature of social history? 10

Or

How did orientalist characterise past Indian society? 10

2. How did the Varna system develop in India? What is the relation between Varna and Caste? 10

(Turn Over)

Or

Discuss the background, influences, and agenda of the caste upliftment movement among the Namasudras of eastern Bengal. 10

Group-B

3. How has tribe been defined? How have the Santhals of Jangal Mahal upheld their identity over time? 10

Or

Analyse with examples the transitional nature of tribal movements in 19th century India.

4. How have Durkheim and Marx differed in their interpretations of the social significance of religion? 10

Or

What is meant by 'acculturative' socio-religious movements? Briefly discuss the reform endeavours of Rammohan Roy and Syed Ahmad Khan in this connection. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]