

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2022

HISTORY

(State and Economy in Early Modern India)

PAPER – HIS-301

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

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

Answer any four questions : 2 × 4

1. Why is the Mughal state compared to a Leviathan?
2. What was the *Atka Khel*?

(Turn Over)

3. By how many times did the silver metal currency increase between 1591 and 1639 ?
4. What were the *muzaffari* and *mahmudi* ?
5. What is meant by the term *casado* ?
6. Who were the Kling merchants ?

GROUP—B

Answer any four questions :

4 × 4

7. Was the Mughal state a conquest state or a proto-national entity ?
8. Why did the Mughals have to subdue and pacify rural society even after many centuries of Sultanate rule ? Name the aristocratic lineages who held power.
9. What were the motives attributed to the Portuguese voyages to the Indian Ocean world ?

10. Explain briefly the ranking system of the *mansabdari*.
11. Why were the *qaums* important in the foundation of *zamindaris* ?
12. Which merchant groups were the collaborators with Europeans in Asian trade ?

GROUP—C

Answer any two questions :

8 × 2

13. What were the causes behind territorial expansion of the Mughal Empire and centralization of power ?
14. Discuss the different forms of revenue assessment and their development under the Mughals.
15. What was the impact of the first three decades of Portuguese intervention in the Indian Ocean world economy ?

16. Discuss the new situation in the circulation of currencies in the 16th and 17th centuries. What were its impact on the Indian economy ?

[*Internal Assessment* – 10 Marks]
