M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2022

HISTORY

PAPER - HIS-302

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. What conditions did the British parliament impose upon the English East India Company in 1773?
- 2. What were the main clauses of the police regulations of 7 December 1792?

- 3. Why did the government adopt a policy of 'protective discrimination' towards the lower castes in colonial Bengal?
- 4. How has Sugata Bose classified commercial agriculture in colonial India?
- 5. What two situations may be characterised as 'deindustrialisation'?
- 6. What three main interests lay behind the growth of railways in colonial India?

GROUP-B

Answer any four questions:

- 4×4
- 7. What charges and objections developed against the East India Company in England in the 18th-19th centuries?
- 8. Write briefly on aspects of a deteriorating situation in Bengal in the second half of the 18th century.

- 9. What employment privileges did the government confer upon the lower castes in colonial Bengal?
- 10. How do Morris D. Morris and Amiya Kumar Bagchi differ in their interpretation of industrialisation in colonial India?
- 11. Briefly discuss the reasons of TISCO's initial success.
- 12. Write briefly on aspects of a discriminatory railway tariff policy in colonial India.

GROUP-C

Answer any two questions:

 8×2

13. How were the defects in the Regulating Act of 1773 removed by Pitt's India Act of 1784?

Comment on the latter's extent of success.

- 14. Discuss the colonial policy of caste and protective discrimination as reflected in the sphere of political representation.
- 15. Show how, in a colonial situation, commercial jute cultivation by small peasants of Bengal proved to be a devastatingly unprofitable enterprise.
- 16. Discuss, with special reference to locomotive purchase policy, how railways became a tool of 'economic imperialism' in colonial India.

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]