

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2022

HISTORY

(State and Economy in Colonial India)

PAPER – HIS-302(CCAE)

Full Marks : 40

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 two questions : 4 × 2

1. Mention two basic features of the Government of India Act of 1858.
2. What do you mean by 'Orientalism' ?
3. What do you mean by 'Utilitarianism' ?

4. What do you mean by 'rent roll' ?
5. What was the 'Hastings-Barwell Plan' (1775) ?
6. Why were railways introduced in India ?

GROUP – B

Answer any **four** questions :

4 × 4

7. Why did Lord Cornwallis introduce the 'Daroga' system in colonial Bengal ? How fruitful was it ?
8. "... how degenerate and abased so ever the Hindus may now appear, that in some early age they were splendid in arts and arms, happy in government, wise in legislation and eminent in various knowledges". Do you think this comment has got an utilitarian flavour ? Explain your position critically.
9. What were the characteristics of the 'Five Year Farming System'.

10. Discuss the impact of the Permanent Settlement on Bengal Zaminders.
11. Critically assess the 'Shore-Grant Debate'.
12. How would you define De-industrialisation ?

GROUP – C

Answer any two questions : 8 × 2

13. Critically comment on the background of the introduction of Pitt's India Act in 1784. How successful was it in solving the emerging problems ?
14. What was the commercialisation of agriculture ? Discuss the impact of the commercialisation of agriculture on Indian peasants and the Indian Market.
15. Write an essay the role of the 'Board of Trade' in the colonial economic structure.

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16. Why did the railways fail to play a contributory role in bringing about economic transformation in colonial India ?
