

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

HISTORY

(Religion and Ecology in Early India)

PAPER — HIS-202

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** from the following questions : 5 × 4

1. Briefly discuss the philosophical forest, *Aranyak*.
2. What is the Buddhist view of nature ?
3. Write a short note on *Vrindavana*, an imagined forest.

(Turn Over)

4. Elaborate the concept of eco-cosmology.
5. Write a short note on the *topovana* forest of the Vedic Age.
6. Explain the concept of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam*, the family of Mother Earth.

GROUP – B

Answer any **two** from the following questions : 10 × 2

7. How would you identify 'religious ecologies' and 'religious cosmologies' as ways that religions have functioned in the past ?
8. Write an essay on the nature and healing tradition in Ayurveda.
9. Critically discuss the ecological ethics of Jain cosmology.

10. Elaborate the human and non-human entanglements as reflected in the indigenous worldview.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
