

M. A. 4th Semester Examination, 2025

HISTORY

*(Industrial Revolution : The Nature of the Industrial
Revolution and the English Experience)*

PAPER — HIS-401

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer **all** questions

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 of the following :

1. Discuss the traditional explanations as to why the Industrial Revolution occurred first in England. How does E. J. Hobsbawm differ from others regarding this issue ? 10 × 2

(Turn Over)

2. Why did Herbert Heaton argue in favour of industrial 'evolution' ? In this connection, review Heaton's opinion about the character of the Industrial Revolution.
3. Make a critical assessment of the Enclosure Movement in 18th century England. Would you agree that the parliamentary enclosure system brought about a fundamental change the English rural society ?
4. Do you think that the controversy between the 'optimists' and the 'pessimists' regarding the standard of living of the English working class can be resolved ? Give reasons for your answer.

GROUP—B

Answer any four questions from the following :

5. Give an account of the features of the 'old industrial system' as described by Arnold Toynbee. 5 × 4

6. Briefly discuss how W. W. Rostow explained the process of modern economic growth in terms of 'take off'.
7. Elaborate the cultivation practices which existed in medieval England.
8. Highlight the early revolutionary changes in technology in the cotton sector that made Britain the 'workshop of the world'.
9. Illustrate the character of the changes in the labour force as they appeared in the First Industrial Revolution.
10. Discuss how the 1833 Factory Act changed the life of the labouring class in 19th century England.

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]

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