

2025

**M.A. 3rd Semester Examination
HISTORY**

Paper : HIS - 301

**(A Brief Introduction to the History of Medicine)
[New Syllabus]**

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20

- (a) How have cultural and religious influences across different historical periods shaped the evolution of Ayurveda, particularly in the context of integrating philosophical traditions, incorporating other medical knowledge, and adapting to colonial and post-colonial healthcare structures?
- (b) In what ways did the Latin translations of Arab-Islamic medical works, such as Razi's *Al-Hawi fi l-tibb* and Ibn Sina's *Al-Qanun fi al-Tibb* (1025 AD), contribute to the development of medical compendia in Europe during the Middle Ages?

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- (c) Reflect on the nuanced and significant roles women healers played and the formidable challenges they faced in medieval Europe.
- (d) In what ways did Europeans adapt to diverse environmental and health challenges abroad between 1492 and 1800, and how did indigenous medical knowledge influence European survival strategies?

Group - B

2. Answer any *four* questions :

5×4=20

- (a) How did the interplay between divine and secular healing practices in antiquity shape the evolution of medical theories?
- (b) Define the significance of Qi and Yin-Yang in the Traditional Chinese Medicine [TCM].
- (c) What role did the School of Salerno and Monte Cassino play in the transmission and translation of medical knowledge during the medieval period?
- (d) What was the significance of William Harvey's *De Motu Cordis*, published in 1628?
- (e) How did colonial powers use medicine as a tool for governance, and what role did Western medical practices play in marginalizing indigenous health systems during colonial rule?

(3)

- (f) What has been the impact of antibiotics on public health and medical practices since their introduction in the twentieth century?

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
