

**M. A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2025**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER — HIS-203 (Old)**

*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 four questions : 5 × 4**

1. Write briefly on the influence of the social sciences on history-writing in the 20th century.
2. What were the three traditional kinds of social history ? Why did a new social history gain prominence after the Second World War ?

*( Turn Over )*

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3. What were the chief features of caste in pre-modern Bengali Hindu society ?
4. What were the two major aspects of identity of Bengali middle-class Muslims in the 19th century ?
5. Why was there a profusion of children's magazines in Bengal from the late 19th century ?
6. Write briefly on the growth of either Medinipur or Tamluk in early colonial times.

**GROUP—B.**

**Answer any two questions :            10 × 2**

7. Explain why cannot social history be differentiated from other histories merely on the basis of subject-matter.

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8. Write an essay on Mahisya caste upliftment movement in Medinipur up to 1921.
9. Write a critical essay on Upendrakishore Roychaudhuri's *Sandesh*, 1913-1915.
10. Write an essay on the growth of the physical entity called Calcutta up to the middle of the 19th century. Why did it remain 'a city of hutments' ?

[ Internal Assessment — 10 Marks ]

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