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M.A.

4th Semester Examination

**HISTORY**

Paper - HIS 404

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Answer any one Group.

**Group - A**

**(Historical Methods)**

1. Discuss the whig interpretation of history and its criticisms. 10

*Or,*

What is the empiricist logic of observation and prediction as historical method ? What are the criticisms ? 10

*[ Turn Over ]*

2. What are the different aspects of orthodox Marxist interpretation of history ? 10

*Or,*

How does E. J. Hobsbawm explain that Marxist theory of history is also a variant of structural-functionalism ? 10

3. Describe analytically the beginnings of Annale's Movement in the 1920s and early 1930s. 10

*Or,*

How can it be argued that Marc Bloch's 'The Royal Touch' combined all the essential features of Annale's approach in history of society ? 10

4. Explain with reference to E. L. Roy Ladurie's works the history of peasant mentality. 10

*Or,*

How does Laduire describe and interpret heresy in his work "Montaillou" ? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

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**Group - B**

**(Ideas and Thoughts in Modern India)**

1. Make a critical assessment on Swami Vivekananda's views of nationalism. 10

*Or,*

Discuss Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay's ideas in shaping nationalism in colonial India. 10

2. Critically analyse M. A. Jinnah's contribution to the 'Two Nation Theory'. 10

*Or,*

Examine how Jayaprakash Narayan's views regarding establishment of socialism in India underwent several changes. 10

3. Give a critical review on E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker's Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu. 10

*Or,*

Critically analyse how Asutosh Mukherjee was able to awaken nationalism by spreading education in British India. 10

[ Turn Over ]

4. Discuss the role of Mahatma Gandhi in protecting the nature and environment. 10

*Or,*

State the evolution of Nehru's concept of socialism. What are the characteristics of his theory of socialism? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

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### **Group - C**

#### **(Agrarian History of Colonial India)**

1. How would you evaluate Satnami and Sikh revolts in Mughal India as Peasant revolts? 10

*Or,*

Give a broad outline of the debate around the pre-colonial village community in India. 10

2. How does Prof. Benoy Choudhury analyse the development of de-peasantisation in Bengal and Bihar during the nineteenth century? 10

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*Or,*

Briefly analyse the issue of peasant insecurity during the colonial period in India. 10

3. Analyse the impact of famines which occurred in the late 19th century India. 10

*Or,*

What were the causes of the moneylenders' encroachment in British Bombay Deccan during the last quarter of nineteenth century ? 10

4. Describe the importance of tea plantations in British India with special reference to the condition of agricultural labourers in agrarian economy. 10

*Or,*

What were the causes of rural indebtedness in colonial India ? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

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