

2012

M. A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-402

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Answer all questions

Group—A

- 1. What are the main aspects of George Basalla's 'Diffusionist model' of spread of western science? How far it is accepted by the modern historians? 10**

Or

How would you explain the real motive of the East India Company forwards scientific activities in colonial India — was it guided by their colonial interest or the search for scholarship in true sense? 10

- 2. Critically review colonial health interventions in Puri during the nineteenth century. 10**

Or

What were the main causes for studying tropical hygiene in colonial India? How far was it influenced by the 'natural historical' theory during early colonial period? 10

Group—B

3. Discuss how the recovery of a past Hindu Science was linked to the contemporary agenda of nation building in colonial India with special reference to the idea of Jagadischandra Bose. 10

Or

Analyse the activities of Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (1876) towards scientific studies in India with special reference to the contribution of Dr. Mahendralal Sircar. 10

4. How far did Dwarakanath Tagore succeed in importing modern technology in colonial India? 10

Or

Review the growth of western medical care for women and children in early twentieth century Bengal. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]
