

2012**M. A.****4th Semester Examination****HISTORY****PAPER—HIS-404***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. How did the historical works on environmentalism in United States, Europe and Africa contribute to the writing of environmental history of South Asia? 10

Or

Analyse the views of colonial foresters and revenue bureaucracy regarding the evolution of the Forest Acts of 1865-1878. 10

2. How did the *Bewar* cycle contribute to the pattern of livelihood of the Baiga community of Central Provinces? Did the colonial encroachments in the forests alter this pattern? 10

(Turn Over)

Or

Why did the Mautam and Thingtam cycles cause famines in the Lushai hills? How did the famine relief policy contribute to the perceptions of British paternalism among the Mizos? 10

Group—B

3. Would you argue that the changing patterns of rainfall in Cherrapunji contributed immensely to the political economy of the region? 10

Or

How does David Hardiman's field study of Virsad Taluka contribute to the scholarship on the politics of Ground Water Control in Gujarat? What role does caste or dalit status play in it? 10

4. Do you think that the Bhopal Gas Disaster has questioned the so called project of 'big development' followed by the Third World? Analyse in this connection the protest against this disaster and also corporate and governmental reactions against it. 10

Or

Analyse the causes and consequences of over fishing along Kerala Coasts since the 1980s. Why did the indigenous fishing immunity protest against it and with what results? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]