

2013

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-302

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group-A

1. How has it been argued that objectivity and method, and not subject-matter, ought to be the distinguishing feature of Social History? Give some examples of this kind of history-writing. 10

Or

What was the Orientalist image of Indian society. How did it influence the nature of colonial administration? 10

(Turn Over)

2. Discuss the various theories regarding the origin of the caste system in India. 10

Or

Discuss B. R. Ambedkar's role in the caste upliftment movement among the Mahars in colonial India.

10

Group-B

3. Briefly discuss theories about the nature of the category called Tribe. To what extent do they help understand the nature of tribes in the Indian past? 10

Or

How has the nature of tribal movements in colonial eastern India been categorised? 10

4. How has the social role of religion been variously explained? 10

Or

How has Kenneth Jones characterised socio-religious movements in colonial India? Discuss briefly the Faraizi and Ramkrishna Mission movements as examples of 'transitional' and 'acculturative' movements. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]