

2009

HISTORY

COURSE—HI - 2101

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

1. What were the bases of local authority in South-West Bengal? Did changes at the central level affect the organisation of that authority? 10

Or

Discuss the regional significance of the 'Sarkar' administration under the Mughals in Bengal particularly in the light of their economic potentials. 10

2. Was the extension of markets in rural South-West Bengal a consequence of forced commercialisation ? 10

Or

How would you explain the commercialisation of agriculture in rural South-West Bengal in terms of price fluctuations, growth in market demand and integration of markets rather than increased revenue collection in money ? 10

GROUP—B

3. Describe in detail the reorganisation of revenue and judicial administration of Midnapur since British take over. 10

Or

Critically discuss the explanation James Grant gives for changes in the form of Chakla administration and introduction of Collectorships. 10

4. Were the British experiments in land revenue directed at equalising the value of land with revenue demand? 10

Or

How did the agrarian society react to the colonial intervention in S.W. Bengal in late 18th century? 10

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]
