

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2011

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-303

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. Explain, with examples, how 'new' social history differs from that practised in the past. 10

Or

Discuss the orientalist image of past Indian society. What ideas influenced this and how did it help the formulation of an initial colonial policy here ?

2. Discuss the features of caste system in India. 10

Or

How did the emergence of an economically powerful section among the Nadars strengthen their upward social mobility movement in the late 19th and the first half of the 20th century ?

GROUP – B

3. Briefly discuss the three major interpretations of tribe. To what extent are these relevant in the Indian context ? 10

Or

To what extent were tribal rebellions incorporated in India's freedom movement ?

4. How do Durkheim, Marx, and Weber differ in their explanations about the social relevance of religion ? 10

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Or

Comment on the nature of social integration in premodern India, emphasizing the role of religion in this context.

[*Internal Assessment : 10 Marks*]
