

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2011

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-304

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. How did the nascent Indian state in 1947 face the Kashmir problem ? How was it integrated into the Indian Union ?

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Or

How did independent India handle the multicultural aspirations of the people through the linguistic reorganisation of the states ?

2. Compare and contrast the movements of the 'son of the soil' ('bhumiputra') in Telengana and Assam. Would you argue that subregional backwardness was the real cause behind these movements ? 10

Or

Analyse the post-Ambedkar turn in dalit politics with special reference to the rise of the Dalit-Panther Movement. Was it a protest against elitism of the Republican Party of India ?

GROUP – B

3. "It has to be said that economic policy was the biggest failure of Nehru, and, indeed of the Congress." Analyse in the light of the above comment. Meghnad Desai's critique of the industrial policy of Nehruvian era. 10

Or

"The industrial bias of Indian planning was tempered by a range of programmes promoting agrarian uplift." In the light of the above statement

and the field researches of S. C. Dube and T. S. Epstein analyse whether this created a turning point in the history of the village in India.

4. Analyse the circumstances that led to the Sino-Indian border conflict of 1962.

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Or

Do you support the realistic policy taken by India in the relationship between India and Myanmar ? Give reasons for your answer.

[*Internal Assessment* : 10 Marks]
