

**2011**

**M.A.**

**1st Semester Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—HIS-101**

*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.*

*Answer all questions.*

**Group—A**

1. Discuss the stages of transition in the form of kingship, from the tribal phase to that of territorial states. 10

*Or*

Examine the changes in society and economy that accompanied political changes in early India. 10

*(Turn Over)*

2. Discuss how the mahajanapadas evolved as typical territorial states in the post-vedic period. What were the bases of their support? 10

Or

Discuss how monarchy became the principal form of polity in ancient India, and how other institutions like Sabha and Samiti were marginalized. 10

### Group-B

3. Explain the process through which feudal social and political formation came into existence in early medieval India. 10

Or

What were the chief characteristics of feudal political formation as stated by Nihar Ranjan Ray and Ram Sharan Sharma? 10

4. Discuss the historical process of emergence of society and state in early South India. 10

Or

Discuss Burton Stein's views regarding state formation in ancient South India. 10

**[ Internal Assessment — 10 Marks ]**

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