

2014

M. A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-404

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.

Answer all questions

OPTIONAL COURSE : HISTORICAL METHODS

1. What do you understand by the term "Positivism"? What are the different stands of positivist history writing?

10

Or

How did History emerge as a Grauch of knowledge in Academics?

10

2. Discuss, in what manner Marxism was presented as a theory in the explanations of History.

10

(Turn Over)

Or

What is the role of the Determinist function in the various concepts of Historical Materialism ? 10

3. Discuss the development of the Annales School of History under the guidance of Marc Block and Lucien Febure. 10

Or

What was the contribution of Fernaud Braudel to the historiography of Annales School ? 10

4. Why and how did "narrative" regain its significance in Annales historiography ? Illustrate with examples from "Montaillou" 10

Or

Show how the records of the inquisition against Albiglusians formed the basis of a new social history. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

OPTIONAL COURSE : WOMEN IN COLONIAL INDIA**Group—A**

1. Do you think that women's history, feminist history and theories relating to gender history are similar, overlapping or different ?

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Or

How was the image of the 'bhadramahila' shaped during the late nineteenth century ?

10

2. From the perspective of gender history, how would you interpret the Anglo-Indian women's role as a wife and as a mother in British India ?

10

Or

Would you argue that the Bamabodhini Patrika attempted to act as a normative prescription for literate women ?

10

Group—B

3. How would you evaluate the emergence of women in the public sphere between the late nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries in colonial India ?

10

Or

How and why were women's participation in India's freedom struggle different under Gandhi and Subhas Bose ?

10

4. What changes were initiated in colonial times regarding the tradition and practice of midwifery in India? What was its impact on the *Dai* tradition ?

10

Or

What were Kailashbasini Devi's views on women's education ?

10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

OPTIONAL COURSE : SOCIAL HISTORY OF INDIA (2)**Group—A**

1. Discuss the features of urbanisation in colonial India, indicating the main difference with the Western experience. 10

Or

Briefly narrate the physical growth of Calcutta upto the early 19th century. Why did it remain 'basically a city of hutments' as late as the 1850s? 10

2. What was the effect of the rural social character of mill-workers on their movement for rights in colonial India? 10

Or

Discuss the attitude of the Indian National Congress towards the workers' struggles in colonial India as reflected in its participation in these movements. 10

Group—B

3. How did an increase in Kulin polygamy from the second half of the 18th century bring about changes in conjugal norms among the Bengali Hindu elite? 10

Or

Discuss the arguments in favour of the view that colonial Bengalis imbibed the modern Western idea of the child as an inferior version of the adult? 10

4. Indicate with reference to Nagendraprasad Sarbadhikari's involvement in the game of football to show how colonial Bengalis internalised a 'sport ethic' introduced by the British in India. 10

Or

Show why and how theatre became an arena for the expression of social and national consciousness among Bengali in the 19th century. 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]
