

2015

M. A.

2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-203

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.

Group — A

1. Explain briefly why 19th century continental European powers needed more capital than England for industrialisation. Discuss in this context the role of the Credit Mobilier in the mobilisation and investment of capital in France, Germany and Russia. 10

Or

What changes in agricultural methods and practices made the Agricultural Revolution possible?

10

(Turn Over)

2. How do demographic patterns and education levels influence the development of industrial capitalism? In what ways did these two factors obstruct French industrial growth? 10

Or

Write a critical note on French economic growth under the second empire. 10

Group — B

3. What role did Zollverian and the railroads play in German economic growth? 10

Or

'The rise of German industrial power took place within an archaic framework of autocracy, traditionalism and militarism antithetical to liberal and democratic institutions'. Explain. 10

4. What implications did the Emancipation Edict(1861) have for supply of industrial labour and creation of a home market in Russia? 10

Or

What steps did Russian finance ministers Vishaegradsky and Witte take to stabilise the exchange rate of the rouble and establish the gold standard? 10

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]
