

PG 1st Semester Examination, 2023

HISTORY

*(Socio Religious Reform Movements in
Colonial India)*

PAPER – HIS-102

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

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

Answer any **four** of the following : 5 × 4

1. How would you explain the essential ideas of Utilitarian philosophy ?
2. Why did the official discourse on sati differ from that of the orthodox ?

(Turn Over)

3. How did the Satnamis of Chattisgarh maintain a distinct sect by recruiting untouchables as priests, leaders and followers ?
4. What prompted Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay to combine shastra, science, communality, and individuality in a colonial context, leading to something remarkably distinct ?
5. Did the Wahabi movement adhere to conservative Islamic beliefs and practices ?
6. Why did the Age of Consent Bill come into being in 1891 ?

GROUP – B

Answer any **two** of the following : 10 × 2

7. What are the primary concepts of Orientalism ? How does Orientalism relate to British imperial ideology in India ?

8. Assess Lord William Bentinck's initiative as a Utilitarian reformer.
9. Critique Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's contributions as a religious reformer, political leader and educator.
10. How did historian Tanika Sarkar interpret Phulmoni's death as a crucial event in colonial Bengal's Age of Consent debate ?

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
