

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

HISTORY

(Social History of Colonial Bengal)

PAPER — HIS-203

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** questions : 5 × 4

1. What were the three traditional types of social history ? What led to the proliferation of a new social history ?
2. Write briefly on the different characteristics of traditional caste society in Bengal.

3. What is meant by "push and pull factors" and "cyclical migration" regarding modern factory labourers in colonial India ?
4. How have Shibaji Bandyopadhyay and Sumit Sarkar criticised Vidyasagar for his attitude towards the Bengali boy ?
5. To what extent did personal morality among the Bengali Hindu elite undergo a transformation during the colonial era ?
6. Write briefly on the growth of Medinipur in early colonial times.

GROUP – B

Answer any two questions :

10 × 2

7. Write a critical essay on the caste upliftment movement among the Mahisyas of Medinipur.
8. What factors constituted the consciousness of modern factory labourers in colonial India ? How did this impact upon their movements ?

9. Examine the process of the development of a new identity among educated middle class Bengali Muslims in the late 19th and the early 20th centuries.

10. Analyse Sukumar Roy's schoolboy stories as an entertaining means of child education in early 20th century Bengal.

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]
