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M.A. (2nd Year) 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

1st Paper : Hist/Th/2S/201

(The Rise of Islam : Contestations and Negotiations)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

Answer any three questions :-

10x3

1. Discuss the various sources of medieval history with special reference to contemporary texts and traveller's accounts. 10
2. What was Balban's theory of Kingship ? 10
3. What is meant by the Khilji revolution ? Assess its significance. 10
4. Would you agree with the view that women enjoyed a high status in the Vijayanagar empire? 10
5. Discuss the social background to the rise of the Maratha movement. 10

Group-II

Answer any three questions :-

5x2

6. Discuss Nur Jahan's role in Mughal court politics. Discuss the debate in this regard. 5
7. How was revenue under Akbar's system of Aini-Dahsala computed ? 5
8. How did Shivaji strive to create a more egalitarian agrarian society in Maharashtra ? 5
9. What do you know about Balaji Viswanath ? 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) 1st Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : HISTORY

Paper Code : His/Th/3S/302

The Rise of the Modern West 19th and 20th - Centuries

Time : 2 hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

Answer any three questions :

1. Why did Industrial Revolution first take place in England? 10
2. Critically analyze the debate regarding De-industrialization in India. 10
3. What were the events leading to the outbreak of the First World War. 10
4. Attempt a comparative analysis of Nazism and Fascism. 10
5. What do you define globalization in the Indian context? discuss its impact on Society and Culture. 10

Group-II

B. Answer any two questions :

2x5=10

6. Write a short note on Lenin. 2
7. Elaborate on the various types of nationalism. 2
8. Briefly discuss the views of W.W. Rostow on industrialization in England. 2
9. How would you explain the USA's humanitarian intervention in Iraq. 2

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M.A. (1st Year) Semester-I Examination, 2019

Subject : HISTORY

Paper Code : His/Th/1S/103

Art, Architecture, Literature and Society — In Early India

Time : 2 hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

Answer any three questions :

10x3=30

1. Assess the Harappan town planning in early India. 10
2. Give an Account of 'Herodotus' as a Historian. 10
3. What were the salient features of Mauryan Architecture? 10
4. Describe the development of Historiography in Ancient China with special reference to Confucius. 10
5. Elaborate on the architecture of Kushan dynasty. 10

Group-II

B. Answer any Two Questions :

5x2=10

6. Write a short note on different types of inscription in early India. 5
7. What was the main feature of Dravidian Style of Architecture? 5
8. What were the major and minor rock edicts of the Mauryan period? 5
9. Briefly discuss the architectural features of Saka and Sunga dynasty. 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) IIIrd Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : HISTORY

Paper Code : His/Th/3S/303

State, Economy and Society in British India " 1800-1947

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Group-I

Answer any three questions :

10x3

1. Explain the true nature and impact of The Anglo - Maratha conflict in binding a brand new power politics in India.
2. Attempt an essay on the major debate on the nature and characteristic features of the Revolt of 1857.
3. What were the characteristic features of the colonial impact on Indian economy?
4. Attempt an essay on the Swadeshi industry during the colonial period in India.
5. How did the British try to deal with the caste question in India?

Group-II

B. Answer any two questions :

5x2=10

6. What do you mean by Khalsa Raj?
7. What was the purpose of constructing railways in India by the colonial government.
8. Briefly discuss the caste politics in the Namasudra movement.
9. Discuss the trends in industrialization during the colonial period.

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M.A. (2nd Year) 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

5th Paper : Hist/Th/2S /205

(Socio-Economic History of Bengal : 1700-1947)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=30

1. How did the English East India Company dominate internal and external trade in Bengal till the end of 18th century? 10
2. Why did English East India Company introduce permanent settlement in Bengal? 10
3. Do you think that the British East India Company destroyed the Silk Industry in Bengal after 1757? 10
4. Discuss in brief the major industries of Modern Bengal. 10
5. Analyse the fundamental aspects of commercialisation of agriculture in colonial India. 10

Answer any two questions :-

5x2

6. Write a short note on Tenancy Amendment bill. 5
7. Write a note on Famine of 1770 and its effects on agrarian economy of Bengal.
8. Discuss the main features of the Charter Act of 1813?
9. Define the importance of jotedass in agrarian economy of Bengal? 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

4th Paper : Hist/Th/2S/204

(Europe in Transition 1300-1800)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

Group-I

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=30

1. Write an essay on the transition from feudalism to capitalism in Europe. 10
2. How did the Reformation in the churches of Medieval Europe bring about a change during the medieval period? 10
3. Do you consider Machiavelli a humanistic thinker, chiefly in defining the role of state as well as the role of the monarch to explain his discourses? 10
4. How did the invention of printing technology bring about a change in Europe? 10
5. What were the characteristic features of an Absolute State? 10

Group-II

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. What is the significance of the fall of Constantinople? 5
7. Discuss the basic features of feudalism. 5
8. Give an account of Counter Reformation or Catholic Reformation. 5
9. What in Gunpowder revolution? 5

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Subject : History

3rd Paper : Hist/Th/2S/203

(18th Century India and Transition to Colonialism)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

Answer any three questions :-

10x3

1. To what extent was a crisis in jagirdari system responsible for the downfall of the Mughal empire? 10
2. Discuss Murshid Quli Khan's land revenue experiments and their impact on contemporary agrarian society. 10
3. How do you evaluate Orientalism as an imperial ideology in colonial India? 10
4. Analyse the major historical trends of Sanyasi - Fakir Rebellion in Bengal. 10
5. Write an essay on how far the history of the Revolt of 1857 got reflected in the contemporary Bengali Literature. 10

Group-II

Answer any two questions :-

5x2

6. What do you understand by drain of wealth? 5
7. Discuss the main features of the Ryotwari system. 5
8. Define the Regulating Act of 1773. 5
9. Was Chuar Rebellion a democratic upsurge? 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

2nd Paper : Hist/Th/2S/202

(History of Ideas - Art, Architecture Literature and Religion of Medieval India)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

Answer any three questions :-

10x3

1. Describe the architectural features of Fatehpur Sikri. 10
2. What were the characteristic features of the provincial Indo-Islamic architecture of Bengal pertaining to the medieval period? 10
3. Write an essay on the status of women of the Mughal period as evident from Paintings. 10
4. What do you mean by Sufism? Discuss in brief the impact of Sufism on medieval Indian society and culture. 10
5. Elaborate on the literary sources during the Sultanate period. 10

Group-II

Answer any two questions :-

5x2

6. Do you consider that the tomb of Humayan is a synthesis of creativity developed on the Timurid ideas and local tradition? 5
7. Discuss the architectural importance of Qutb-Minar. 5
8. Give an account of the 'Chisti Silsila'. 5
9. Write a note on Amir Khusrau. 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) 4th Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

5th Paper : Hist/Th/4S/405-B

(History of Science and Technology)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=30

1. Describe the archaeological and literary sources of the ancient Indian irrigation system.
2. What role was played by Charaka and Sushruta in ancient Indian medicine.
3. Critically evaluate the growth and development of western science in colonial India.
4. Trace the growth of scientific institutions in colonial India.
5. Locate the contributions of Prafulla Chandra Ray in the evolution of national science.

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. Write a short note on the process on the extraction of iron from ore.
7. Write a short note on Yunani medicine in Mughal India.
8. Analyse the importance of the Botanical Garden of Calcutta in colonial botany.
9. Write a short note on Aryabhata.

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M.A. (2nd Year) 4th Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

4th Paper : Hist/Th/4S/405-A

(Local History)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

10x3=30

Answer any three questions :-

1. Trace the nature of geo-political structure which existed in the early medieval period of coastal West Bengal.
2. Briefly analyse the historical importance of the Rakshaskhali Copper plate inscription.
3. Elucidate on the pattern of general administration in South 24 Parganas.
4. Asses the socio-economic condition and land pattern system that existed in the South 24 Parganas.
5. How far the Tebhaga Movement had its influence on the South 24 Parganas ?

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. Write a note on the origin and evolution of the administrative boundary of the district of South 24 Parganas
7. Discuss the religious life of South 24 Parganas in ancient times.
8. Discuss about the density of population and settlement of South 24 Parganas in the ancient period.
9. Briefly discuss the conditions of municipal corporation of South 24 Parganas according to the 1911 census.

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M.A. (2nd Year) 4th Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

3rd Paper : Hist/Th/4S/403

(Gender History)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group -I

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=30

1. Discuss the principal theoretical tenets of black feminism . Elucidate in this connection Alice Walker's concept of Womanism.
2. Why did dalit feminism emerge in India ? Discuss the dalit feminist standpoint theory.
3. To what extent did the social legislations of the colonial era transform the lives of Indian Women ? Did all women stand to gain from such legislations ?
4. Briefly discuss the role of women in peasant rebellions in post-colonial Bengal.
5. Write an essay on the socio-economic condition of women in the jute and textile industries in post-colonial India.

Group -II

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. Briefly analyse the various sources you would avail to write women's history.
7. Would you consider gender a useful category of historical analyse ?
8. Whom would you describe as transgender persons ? Analyse their importance in history.
9. Do you think that the practise of 'Soi Patano' in colonial Bengal acted as a bulwark against patriarchy ?

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M.A. (2nd Year) 4th Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

2nd Paper : Hist/Th/4S/402

(Western Historiography)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=10

1. Critically analyse the fundamental aspects of Graco - Roman historiography. 10
2. Can objective history be considered as a myth? 10
3. How do you evaluate the Major historical shifts in pre-Renaissance and post - Renaissance period? 10
4. Trace the contributions of Positivist historiography in critical philosophical thinking with special reference to August comte. 10
5. Define the fundamental attributes of global history. Bring out its differences with regional history. 10

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. Write a short note on admixture of scientific methods and popular methods in romantic history. 5
7. How did Thucy-dides's style of writing differ from Herodotus's style of history writing? 5
8. What was new about the first generation of Annales historiography? 5
9. Write a short note on the historical ideas of Marc Bloch. 5

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M.A. (2nd Year) 4th Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

1st Paper : Hist/Th/4S/401

(History Writing in India)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Answer any three questions :-

10x3=30

1. How did the colonisers change the mode of history writing in India ?
2. Discuss the origin of Indian nationalist historiography with special reference to the contributions of R.G. Bhandarkar and H.C. Raychaudhuri.
3. Discuss the various strands in the Marxist approach to Indian history in the post independence context.
4. How did the Subaltern school challenge the established paradigms of history writing in India ?
5. Discuss the various stands of post-modernist historiography.

Answer any two questions :-

5x2=10

6. Write a short note of R.C.Majumdar's style of history writing.
7. Write a short note on the contributions of the Aligarh School of historians in the field of Mughal history of India.
8. To what extent is oral history important for scripting the lives of women.
9. Write a short note on the style of history writing of Lord Macaulay.

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M.A. (1st Year) 1st Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

Paper : Hist/Th/1S/104

(History of Environmental Ideas)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group - I

Answer any three questions:

10x3=30

1. Elaborately discuss the issues of forest conservation in India. 10
2. What is ecofeminism? Discuss the different theories of ecofeminism to establish the idea. 10
3. How would you define the emergence of a definite social category named the 'environmental refugees' and their crisis? 10
4. Discuss in brief the indigenous people's resistance against British environmental policy. 10
5. How did the change in the course of the Bhagirathi river lead to the decline of Cossimbazar Port / Town in the early nineteenth century? 10

Group - II

Answer any two questions:

5x2=10

6. What do you mean by 'Criminal Tribe'? 5
7. What are the reasons of deforestation in India? 5
8. The idea of tropics – Discuss. 5
4. Calcutta Botanical Garden – Elaborate. 5

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M.A. (1st Year) 1st Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

Paper : Hist/Th/1S/103

(Art, Architecture, Literature and Society in Ancient India)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group - I

Answer any three questions:

3x10=30

1. Do you think that the high status of women in ancient India is a myth? 10
2. Do you agree with the view of Thucydides as a 'scientific Historian'? 10
3. Elaborately discuss the burial patterns of the 1st urbanisation era in India. 10
4. What were the architectural facets of the Kushana dynasty? 10
5. Elucidate on the architectural patterns of the Classical Age/Gupta Age. 10

Group - II

Answer any two questions:

5x2=10

6. Write a short note on Megalithic Age. 5
7. Write a short note on pottery varieties of the pre and mature Harappan period. 5
8. Explain the role of Puranas as a source of ancient Indian History. 5
9. Discuss briefly the salient features of the style of temple architecture in Bihar and Bengal under the Palas. 5

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M.A. (1st Year) 1st Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

Paper : Hist/Th/1S/102

(Early and Early Medieval India : Debates and Perspectives)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group - I

Answer any three questions:

10x3=30

1. How would you define the importance of the 'Second Urbanization' in reconstructing ancient Indian History? 10
- 2) Write an essay on the Indo-Roman trade stressing on the trade routes, items and its impact on the Kushana economy. 10
- 3) How did the overall enlightenment process through the idea of 'dharma' during the Mauryan period transform the nature of the state? 10
- 4) Analyze the different viewpoints on the theory of feudalism in early India. 10
- 5) What do you understand by periodization in Indian history? Comment on the features of the early medieval period. 10

Group - II

Write short notes on any two of the following:

5x2=10

- 6) Difference between archaeological and literary sources of early and early medieval India. 5
- 7) The evolution of Jati in ancient India. 5
- 8) Sangama Literature. 5
- 9) Segmentary state. 5

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M.A. (1st Year) 1st Semester Examination, 2019

Subject : History

Paper : Hist/Th/1S/101

(Ancient Indian History and its Archeological Foundations)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group - I

Answer any three questions:

10x3=30

1. Write an essay on the characteristic features of the Lower Paleolithic Culture of Isampur. 10
- 2) What are the distinctive features of the Neolithic culture of Kashmir? 10
- 3) Critically summarize the debates on the so-called Aryan problem in the Indian subcontinent. 10
- 4) Critically assess the state formation process of the sixteen mahajanapadas and the factors responsible for the rise of Magadha. 10
- 5) In the light of epigraphic sources, highlight the issues related to the polity of the Pala dynasty in eastern India. 10

Group - II

Answer any two questions:

5x2=10

- 1) Describe the characteristic features of the Mature Harappan Pottery. 5
- 2) Write a note on the Minor Rock Edicts of the King Asoka. 5
- 3) Discuss any 8 types of gold coins issued by the Gupta King Skandagupta. 5
- 4) Briefly point out the characteristic features of the stupa architecture. 5