

PG 1st Yr Semester I Examinations, 2023

Diamond Harbour Women's University

Department of History

HISA/CC/4105

History of Environmental Ideas

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. What is Environmental History? How is it different from Environmental activism? Briefly discuss.
2. What is Eco-feminism? Briefly discuss its salient features.
3. Briefly discuss the post-war formation of the 'Global North' and the 'Global South'. Do you think that differing environmental interests causing conflict between them? Critically discuss with focus on India's role in this conflict.
4. What are the salient features of British forest policies? How did these policies ultimately culminate into the criminalisation of forest tribes? Briefly discuss.
5. How did tropical storm form the unalienable part of European gaze? Briefly discuss the rise of colonial 'Cyclonology' from William Roxburgh to Henry Piddington.

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2 = 10

1. Briefly discuss the main argument of Alfred W. Crosby's 'The Columbian Exchange'. What are the main criticisms of his book?
2. Briefly discuss the revolutionary role of Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring'.
3. Do you think 'tropics' is an imagined geographical idea? Briefly substantiate your argument.
4. What is environmental migration? Briefly discuss with case studies one of inter border and one cross border of environmental migration.

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HIS/CC/4102

Socio Cultural History of Early India

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. Focus on the importance of Second Urbanization.
2. Elucidate the importance of architectural remnants during the Mauryan rule.
3. Highlight on the cities of the Indo Gangetic divide and the upper Ganga valley.
4. Write a note on Hindu temples of India during 200BCE-300 BCE.
5. What was the role of literary sources in understanding Indian Ancient history?

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2= 10

1. Write a short note on Mehrgarh.
2. Briefly discuss about the Neolithic Settlements.
3. Discuss about the north western cities of India during the Kushana rule.
4. Write a note on the stupas of Ancient India.

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HIS/CC/4103

Medieval India 1200 - 1700

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. How did Iltutmish succeed in consolidating his empire in the face of external and internal difficulties?
2. What problems did Balban face in consolidating his authority over the Delhi Sultanate? How did he resolve those problems?
3. Discuss the various economic reforms introduced by Alauddin Khalji.
4. Discuss the Mansabdari System of Mughal India.
5. Give an account on the development of Bhakti Movement in Mediaeval India.

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2 = 10

1. What is meant by the Khalji revolution?
2. Distinguish between Kharaj, Khams, zakat and jizya.
3. Write a short note on Akbar's Ain-i- Dahsala.
4. Give an account on the Mughal painting under Jahangir's Court/Region.

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Colonial India 1800 - 1947

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. Briefly discuss the theory of "Drain of Wealth" in the colonial context.
2. Do you consider de-industrialization as a myth? Focusing on the debate argue your point.
3. How did commercialization of agriculture introduce new sub sections among the peasant community in the colonial India?
4. Discuss the economic impact of the revolt of 1857.
5. Write an essay on the politics of association in the second half of the 19th century prior to the birth of Indian National Congress.

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2 = 10

1. What role did the "Daroga System" play in administration of colonial India?
2. Give an account on Ryotwari settlement?
3. What was the "safety valve theory"?
4. What was the "Ulgulan"?

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HISA/CC/4101

Early and Early Medieval India

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. Write an essay on the Indo-Roman trade, stressing on the trade routes, items and its impact on the Kushana economy.
2. How did the struggle between Brahmanism and protestant religions, redesign the nature of social conflicts during the time of introducing the idea of *dhamma*?
3. How did the overall enlightenment process during the Gupta period transform the 'Gupta age' into a Golden one?
4. Do you agree with RS Sharma's view that urban life decayed in early medieval India? Discuss the various historiographical positions in this regard.
5. Discuss how patriarchy and the caste system combined to control the lives of women in early India.

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2 = 10

1. Some major features of the Sangam literature.
2. Write a short note on "Gandhara school of Art"
3. Distinguish between varna and jati.
4. Discuss Marx's concept of the Asiatic mode of production.

PG 2nd Yr. Semester III Examinations, 2023

Diamond Harbour Women's University

Department of History

HIS/OE/Th/305

Culture in Colonial and Contemporary Bengal

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions :

10x3= 30

1. Assess the introduction of English education in Bengal during the 19th century.
2. Write an essay on the representation of Partition in films as an important event in Indian history.
3. Discuss the contribution of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain in the spread of modern education among Muslim women in colonial Bengal.
4. Evaluate the role of women in the field of modern advertisement.
5. Would you consider Streer Patra a feminist text?

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2= 10

1. Briefly explain the role of William Bentinck's educational policy in India.
2. Compare Ghare Baire the film with Tagore's novel of the same name.
3. Why were novel-reading women ridiculed and lambasted in colonial Bengal?
4. Write a note on the importance of television serials in social life.

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Department of History

HIS/CC/Th/303

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

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions :

10x3= 30

1. How did western education spread in colonial India?
2. Was the Revolt of 1857 a nationalist upsurge or merely a "Sepoy Mutiny"?
3. What was the main purpose of the expansion of railways in British India?
4. How would you explain the emergence of extremism in Indian politics?
5. How did the Cambridge School interpret Indian nationalism?

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2= 10

1. What do you understand by the 'Drain of Wealth' in colonial India?
2. What was the 'Macaulay Minute' (1835)?
3. Write a short note on commercialization of agriculture.
4. How was the 'Age of Consent Act' passed in the Legislature?

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Department of History

HIS/CC/Th/302

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

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions

10 x 3 = 30

1. Compare and contrast French industrialization with that of Britain.
2. Elaborately discuss about Russian Industrialization.
3. Is the criticism against the Treaty of Versailles justified?
4. How did the Second World War affect the lives of women?
5. Examine the impact of globalisation on Indian society and culture. Has Covid brought the world closer?

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2 = 10

1. Who were the junkers?
2. What is proto Industrialization?
3. Discuss the salient features of the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan.
4. Discuss AJP Taylor's views on Hitler's role in the Second World War.

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HIS/CC/Th/301

Struggle for Independence: Modern India 1885-1947

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

GROUP I

Answer any three questions :

10x3= 30

1. Analyse the political context of the rise of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian national movement.
2. What were the various trends of the Swadeshi movement in Bengal? What were the limitations of the movement?
3. Give an account of the Quit India Movement. Why did the movement fail?
4. Critically analyse the role of women in the Tebhaga movement.
5. Do you think the Partition of India was inevitable?

GROUP II

Answer any two questions:

5 X 2= 10

1. What was Communal Award?
2. Write a note on the Khilafat movement.
3. What is "safety valve theory"?
4. What is "Hind Swaraj"?