

2015

HISTORY

First Paper

(First Half)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer **any two** of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Would you argue that history is a continuous process of interaction between the historian and his facts ?

(b) How do you explain the significance of interdisciplinary research in history ?

(c) Critically comment on the purpose, style and methods of Thucydides' historical writings.

(d) Examine the objectivity-subjectivity debate in historical research.

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Primary Source
 - (b) Interpretation of history
 - (c) Collingwood's idea of history
 - (d) Relation between history and literature
 - (e) Badauni's concept of history
 - (f) Herodotus
 - (g) Bibliography
 - (h) Abul Fazal.
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(Second Half)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any two* of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Write an essay on the Nationalist school of historiography.

(b) What do you mean by 'Subaltern'? Write a critique on the Subaltern historiography.

(c) Examine the main propositions of the Cambridge school of historians. Add a note on their writings.

(d) In what way environment can be an important theme of historical study?

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) The Whig historiography
 - (b) The Annale school of historiography
 - (c) Marxist approach of history writing
 - (d) William Jones' contribution to Oriental studies
 - (e) Issue of gender in Indian history
 - (f) Positivist historiography
 - (g) Post-modernism
 - (h) *Varna* and *Jati* concept.
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Second Paper

(First Half)

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1. Answer **any two** of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Elucidate the concept of kingship in ancient India.

(b) What factors, do you think, were responsible for the rise of Buddhism ?

(c) What was the condition of women in Medieval India ?

(d) Analyse Ghiyas-ud-din Balban's concept of kingship.

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Gana-Rajya
- (b) Vedanta
- (c) Basic Principles of Jainism
- (d) *Varna*
- (e) Price control system of Ala-ud-din Khilji
- (f) Rajput Policy of Akbar
- (g) Yoga School of Philosophy
- (h) Theory of theocracy of the Delhi Sultanate.

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Second Paper

(Second Half)

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Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any two* of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Give an account of the socio-religious reform movement of Bengal with special reference to Brahma Samaj.

(b) Define socialism. Discuss the various forms of socialism.

(c) Define Democracy. What is the importance of "Public Opinion" in a democratic state like India ?

(d) How was the doctrine of utilitarianism applied in Indian Administration and with what objective ?

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Syed Ahmed Khan
- (b) E.V.S. Ramaswami Naicker
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi's concept of democracy
- (d) Factors for the growth of communalism in

India

- (e) Secularism
- (f) Singh Sabha Movement
- (g) Prarthana Samaj
- (h) Temple Entry Movement.

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Third Paper

(First Half)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer **any two** of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Define and distinguish between Marxist and nationalist views on colonial Indian economy.

(b) Define Mercantilism. Discuss the changing European economic interests in India during this period.

(c) Discuss the different types of revenue settlements adopted by the British Government in India.

(d) Do you agree that the colonial policies led to impoverishment of agricultural sector ? Discuss with regional variations.

2. Answer *any four* of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) What is meant by 'Economic Drain' in Indian economic history ?

(b) Explain the term 'De-industrialization'.

(c) Write a note on 'Sun-set Law'.

(d) Write a brief note on the traditional handicraft industry of colonial India.

(e) Define the nature of pre-colonial Indian economy.

(f) Write briefly on uniform currency system of the East India Company.

(g) Write a short note on trade system in the mid-eighteenth century India.

(h) Briefly mention the sources of economic history of British India.

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Third Paper

(SECOND HALF)

(History of Modern India : 1757-1857)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any two* of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) What is meant by de-industrialization in Indian history under the British? What was its impact on the people of India?

(b) Write an analytical account on the permanent settlement of land revenue as introduced by Lord Cornwallis in 1793.

(c) Do you agree that agrarian resistance in different parts of India was primarily an outcome of total destabilization of the existing land revenue settlement by the British? Show specific examples.

(d) Discuss the main objectives behind the introduction of the railways in India by the colonial rulers.

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Nana Saheb
- (b) Rani Lakshmbai
- (c) Jajmani System
- (d) Rural indebtedness
- (e) Mahalwari Settlement
- (f) Commercialization of agriculture
- (g) Role of women in the Revolt of 1857
- (h) Concept of public health in British India.

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Fourth Paper

(First Half)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any two* of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Do you think that 'colonial cultural penetration' had, in any way, changed the milieu of 19th century Bengal ?

(b) Write a note on the political development in Bengal during 1905-1940.

(c) Write an essay on Derozio and his disciples in propagating radical ideas in Bengal.

(d) How did the Vernacular Press contribute to the growth of nationalism in Bengal ?

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Begum Rokeya
- (b) Indian Association
- (c) The Ramakrishna Mission
- (d) Fort William College as a centre of Oriental studies
- (e) Development of music in Bengal
- (f) Debendranath Tagore
- (g) Bengal School of Art
- (h) Sadharan Brahma Samaj.

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Fourth Paper

(SECOND HALF)

(History of Modern India : 1858-1964)

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any two* of the following questions :

15×2=30

(a) Examine the growth of the pre-Congress political associations in India.

(b) Examine the success and failure of the Non-cooperation movement launched by Gandhi.

(c) Assess the contributions of Subhas Chandra Bose in India's freedom struggle.

(d) Critically examine the debate on Two Nations Theory.

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Civil Disobedience Movement
 - (b) Calcutta Medical College
 - (c) Communal Award (1932)
 - (d) Changers and No Changers
 - (e) Prafulla Chandra Ray
 - (f) The Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946
 - (g) Mountbatten Plan (3 June 1946)
 - (h) Hindu Women's Code Bill.
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Fifth Paper

Time - Two Hours

Full Marks - 50

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1. Answer *any one* of the following questions :

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(a) Explain the nature and pattern of industrialisation in India during 1853-1964.

(b) Write an essay on the social changes during the colonial period.

(c) In what way did journalism promote the cause of the national awakening? Argue your contention.