

**M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2024**

**HISTORY**

PAPER — HIST-103

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

Answer **all** questions

*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 **two** questions :            10 × 2

1. Why and how did the British Parliament curtail and usurp East India Company's privileges and powers between 1773 and 1858 ?

( Turn Over )

2. How was a colonial policy of protective discrimination towards the lower castes reflected in the sphere of constitutional rights in Bengal ?
3. Discuss indigo cultivation as an instance of 'dependent commercialization' in colonial India.
4. Discuss critically the vicissitudes of the modern cotton industry in colonial India.

*Or*

Why did the railways fail to help bring about a qualitative change in the Indian economy up to 1947 ?

**GROUP – B**

Answer any four questions :                      5 × 4

5. What were the various clauses of the Charter Acts of 1813 and 1833 ?

6. How did the East India Company's policies and activities bring about a deterioration in the situation in Bengal in the second half of the 18th century ?
7. Write briefly on the growth and features of traditional Hindu society in Bengal.
8. What are the three major explanations of the impact of commercial agriculture in colonial India ?
9. What two situations may be described as 'deindustrialization' ? How did Daniel Thorner argue that there was no deindustrialization in 19th century India ?
10. What were the motives and interests behind the introduction of railways in colonial India ?

**[ Internal Assessment — 10 Marks ]**

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