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M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2024

HISTORY

PAPER — HIS-305

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*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

PAPER — HIS-305(A)

(South-West Bengal-19th and 20th Centuries)

GROUP—A

Answer any two questions : 10 × 2

(Turn Over)

(2)

1. How did the concept of local history develop ?
In what ways did Chitta Panda and Bidyut Chakrabarty make their thematic approaches towards the history-writing of Midnapore ?
2. How did the British try to modify the 'Pathshala' system in Midnapore district ?
3. Discuss the main characteristics of mass participation during the Civil-Disobedience movement in Purulia district.
4. What were the major causes of famine in Bankura district during the colonial period ?
Make an assessment of the impact of famine on the socio-economic structure of this district.

GROUP – B

Answer any four questions : 5 × 4

5. What is the historical significance of 'Medinipurer Itihas' written by Jogesh Chandra Basu ?
6. Trace the social and intellectual base of 'Swadeshi biplab' in Midnapore district.
7. Write in short on the socio-economic condition of the Mahisya community in Midnapore during the 19th-20th centuries. Was there any transitional change in their status ?
8. Discuss the historical significance of the formation of 'Jal Sarabaraha Samiti' in Bankura for spreading facilities in irrigation system.
9. When and why did the Marwari and Gujrati trading communities come to Dantan ? Discuss their activities in this region.

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10. Write a short note on the formation and activities of 'Kotulpur Hitasadhan Samiti'.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]

PAPER – HIS-305(C)

(India and the world : The Making of a Foreign Policy)

GROUP – A

Answer any two questions from the following :

10 × 2

1. Assess India's contribution to the establishment of a regional organisation in South Asia.

2. Evaluate the importance of the geo-strategic location of the Maldives in India's foreign policy.
3. Illustrate how the character of India's foreign policy towards Myanmar has shifted from an idealistic approach to a more pragmatic one.
4. Critically examine the evolution of India's nuclear policy during the Nehru era. In this context, explain why Homi J. Bhabha thought that India's nuclearization would increase its national security.

GROUP—B

Answer any **four** questions from the following :

5 × 4

5. Explain why China announced a unilateral ceasefire on November 22, despite being the victor in the 1962 Sino-Indian War.

6. Do you agree with the view that Sri Lanka became the 'Vietnam of India' in the late 1980s ?
7. Illustrate the factors behind India's enunciation of 'The Look East Policy' in the early 1990s.
8. Examine the response within India regarding the Kargil War.
9. Identify the challenges that hinder the improvement of India-Russia relations.
10. Examine the key factors behind the rising significance of Central Asia in India's foreign policy.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]

(7)

PAPER – HIS-305(D)

(*Gandhian Thought*)

GROUP – A

Answer any two questions : 10 × 2

1. How would you describe Mahatma Gandhi's stance on caste and untouchability ? In what ways did B.R. Ambedkar differ from Gandhi on Caste ?
2. Make a critical analysis of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore's discourse on nationalism.
3. Elucidate the Gandhian approach to environmental challenges in India. Examine the concept of sustainable development as mentioned by Mahatma Gandhi.

4. Highlight Gandhi's concern for the Indian health system. Explain Gandhi's unflinching faith in Ayurveda and Naturopathy in this regard.

GROUP – B

Answer any **four** questions : 5 × 4

5. Explain the fundamental principles of Gandhian economy.
6. What is Mahatma Gandhi's concept of *sarvodaya* ?
7. What would you compare Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru's ideas on secularism ?
8. How would you explain Gandhi's psychological conflicts and paradoxes regarding war ?

9. Examine the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi in the Nehruvian foreign policy of India.
10. How did Mahatma Gandhi incorporate the women's question into the broader framework of Indian nationalism and nation building?

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]

PAPER — HIS-305(E)

(History of Medicine)

GROUP—A

Answer any two questions : 10 × 2

1. How did Orientalism impact the development and practice of medicine in British India?

2. What were the critical points of contention between the Magistrate and the Asylum Superintendent regarding the admission of the insane into a lunatic asylum ?
3. How did the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases in the cantonment challenges British colonialism in India ?
4. How were disease control and epidemics addressed as part of public health measures in British India ?

GROUP—B

Answer any **four** questions : 5 × 4

5. What led to the decline of Galenic Medicine during the late Middle Ages ?
6. Discuss the four types of treatment in *ayurveda* as defined in *Susruta Sanhita*.

7. Discuss the relevance and impact of *Siddha* Medicine.
8. What is *Materia Medica* ? Briefly discuss the different types of *Materia Medica*.
9. What was the impact of caste, class, and race in a lunatic asylum in colonial India ?
10. Discuss the significant aspects of public health in India during British rule.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
