

2025

M.A. 1st Semester Examination
HISTORY

Paper : HISC402X0

(State and Economy Colonial India)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Illustrate the answer wherever necessary.

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20

1. Show how the East India Company engineered a restive situation and gained control over 'legitimate means of coercion' by the enactment of a police regulation in 1792.
2. How was the colonial policy of protective discrimination towards the lower castes reflected in the sphere of education in Bengal?
3. Discuss jute cultivation as an instance of 'subsistence commercialisation in colonial Bengal.

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Or,

What is meant by 'forced commercialisation' of agriculture? How did it affect the Indian economy?

4. Discuss critically the vicissitudes of the modern iron and steel industry in colonial India with specific reference to TISCO.

Or,

Why did railways fail to bring about a structural transformation of the Indian economy in colonial times?

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

5. What were the various clauses of the Regulating Act of 1773? Why did it fail?
6. Write briefly on the growth and features of traditional Hindu society in Bengal.
7. Write a note on Home Charges.
8. Write briefly on the land revenue experiments of the English East India Company prior to 1793.
9. What two situations may be described as 'deindustrialisation'? How did Morris D. Morris argue that there was no deindustrialisation in 19th century India?

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10. Write briefly on the Morris-Bagchi debate on the causes of the failure of modern industrialisation in colonial India.

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
