

2025

**M.A. 1st Semester Examination
HISTORY**

Paper : HISE405A0/B0

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.

Paper : HISE405A0

**(History of Disasters in South West Bengal : 19th
and 20th Centuries)**

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20

1. Write a critical analysis of the geo-climatic characteristics of colonial Midnapore to explore the factors contributing to the district's vulnerability to natural disasters.
2. To what extent did the colonial administration of Bengal fulfil its responsibilities towards the survivors during and following the Midnapore and Burdwan Cyclone of 1874?

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3. Examine the factors that resulted in the increased destructiveness and duration of floods during the colonial era compared to earlier periods.
4. Evaluate the interplay of factors, including natural disasters, wartime policies, and governance failures, that led to the catastrophic Bengal Famine of 1943.

Group - B

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

5. Highlight the issues that caused the reduction in losses resulting from the disaster of 1874 compared to those incurred in 1864, even though the intensity of the storm and the height of the storm waves were greater in 1874 than those of 1864.
6. Discuss the advancements in meteorological research in India throughout the latter half of the nineteenth century.
7. Evaluate the initiatives undertaken by the colonial administration to mitigate the proliferation of epidemics.
8. Analyse the correlation between the increasing levels of distress experienced by the population and the corresponding rise in crime rates during the Famine of 1866 in Raipur Thana.

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9. Show how the Bengal Famine of 1943 significantly contributed to the escalation of communalism in pre-independent Bengal.
10. Examine how the indifference exhibited by the colonial administration towards the suffering of individuals impacted by the disaster played a significant role in fostering the rise of anti-British sentiment among the victims.

Internal Assessment : 10 marks

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Paper : HISE405B0

(Anti-Colonial Resistance in India)

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

1. Analyse the main characteristics of Untouchable Movements in colonial period. How far was it successful?
2. Discuss the nature and objectives of Tribal Movements against the colonial rule.
3. Explain the causes of Labour Movement during the colonial period.
4. Describe the concept of subaltern studies. What are the important features of subaltern studies?

Group - B

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

5. Discuss the nature of the Naval Revolt of 1946.
6. Write about the Safety Valve Theory.
7. Discuss the Nationalist interpretations of the Revolt of 1857.
8. Write a short note on the Tebhaga Movement.
9. Why was the Swaraj Party formed? How far was it successful?

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10. Explain how the Chuar Rebellion was directed against British revenue and Zamindari policies.

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
