

2026

(2nd Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA - 203

(Modern Indian Society)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer any five (5) questions

1. a) Discuss the approaches to the study of modern Indian history from both nationalist and subaltern perspectives. 12

Or

- b) How did colonial policy affect rural economy in India. Discuss its impact on Indian agriculture. 12

2. a) What is the Wood's Dispatch? To what extent it changed the course of British education policy in India? 12

Or

- b) Do you think that Western education led to the growth of new ideas and rise of middle class in India? 12

(Turn Over)

3. a) Write an essay on the creation of 'coolie labour' in Assam's Tea Industry.

Or

- b) What is urbanisation? How was urban growth in colonial India related to social change?

4. a) Give a critically analysis on the historiography of Indian nationalism.

Or

- b) Discuss the controversy over the foundation of the Indian National Congress in 1885 with reference to the 'safety-valve theory'.

5. Write short notes on **any two**:

- a) The Charter Act of 1813 with reference to the British education policy.
- b) Peasants and working movements in India.
- c) The Two-Nation theory.
- d) Decolonisation and India's independence.

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