



PG (CBCS)
M.A. Semester-I Examination, 2023
HISTORY
PAPER: HIS 103

(ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF INDIA IN THE ANTHROPOCENE AGE)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

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

GROUP-A

A. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions: 4×5=20

1. Define the term 'Anthropocene'.
2. Write a short note on the Forest Act of 1878.
3. Why and how was Uranium mining opposed in Meghalaya?
4. What were the hydrological and ecological effects of inducing canal bund projects in the Mahanadi delta during the colonial period?
5. Briefly discuss how historian Sajal Nag explained groundwater crisis and environmental change in Cherrapunji.
6. Do you think indigenous communities have an important role to play in protecting wildlife and the environment?

GROUP-B

B. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions: 2×10=20

7. Make an assessment of the contribution of Richard Grove to the development of ecological historiography.
8. Discuss the environmental change and chronic famine in Manbhum during colonial period.
9. How many important problems did the 'Narmada Bachao Andolan address' regarding the construction of the Sardar Sarovar dam?
10. Do you think that the Bhopal Gas Disaster has questioned the so-called project of 'big development' followed by the Third World? Analyse in this connection the protest against this disaster and also corporate and governmental reactions against it.
