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M.A. 2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

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Paper : HISE452A0

(Environmental History of India in the Anthropocene Age)

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.

Group - A

Answer any ***two*** questions : 10×2=20

1. Analyse the recent historiographical trends of forest and water history of India.

Or,

Critically examine the historiography of environmental history.

2. How would you explain the occurrence of 1897 famine in Chotanagpur as a result of environmental change?

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Critically explain the colonial flood control policies with regarding the approaches of Rohan D'Souza.

3. Analyse the resource utilization practices of a hunter gatherer society.

Or,

Assess the significance of borderland environments in shaping ecological debates.

4. Critically evaluate the controversy over the Forest Act of 1878.

Or,

Critically evaluate the history of the colonial tea plantations and climate change.

Group - B

Answer any ***four*** questions : 5×4=20

5. What is environmental history and its different variants?

Or,

Write a short note on the theoretical foundations of environmental history.

6. Write a short note on the concept of Anthropocene.

Or,

Define the concept of the Anthropocene in the Indian context.

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7. Elaborate the concept of Desiccationism.

Or,

Briefly explain the colonial timber trade in India.

8. What is more-than-human history?

Or,

What is meant by the binary discourse of displacement and development?

9. Write a short note on the concept of 'conservation from above'.

Or,

How did colonial cataloguing of landscapes affect indigenous perceptions of environment?

10. Discuss the Adivasi protest against the erosion of traditional forest rights in South-West Bengal.

Or,

Write a short note on the Adivasi perceptions for the landscape conservation of South India.

[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]

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