# 2026

## M.A. 2nd Semester Examination

## HISTORY

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### Paper : HISE454A0/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.*

### Paper : HISE454A0

### (Military History of India)

### Group - A

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

1. Critically examine Kautilya's view on war and diplomacy.
2. Elucidate the causes of the decline of the Mughal military system.

***Or,***

Critically analyze the role of the Mansabdari system in the Mughal military structure.

3. Discuss the Sikh military tradition and strategies under Maharaja Ranjit Singh.
4. To what extent did the native Indian troops fulfil imperial interests in World War I?

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*Or,*

Discuss the immediate military challenges faced by India at the time of Partition in 1947.

**Group - B**

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

5. Discuss the military system of the Maurya Empire.
6. Highlight Harshavardhana's military campaigns and achievements.
7. How did the introduction of gunpowder change the course of warfare in medieval India?

*Or,*

What were the military reforms of Alauddin Khalji?

8. Discuss the basic features of the Maratha military system.
9. How did the army training institutes in the colonial period fulfil British interests in India?

*Or,*

Write a note on Subhas Chandra Bose and the INA.

10. How did the concept of 'martial race' influence the recruitment policy in the British Indian Army?

*Or,*

Write a short note on the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny.

**[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]**

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**Paper : HISE454B0**

**(Politics and Society in Post-Colonial Bengal)**

**Group - A**

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

1. What were the major features of refugee settlement and rehabilitation in post-Partition Bengal? Did it adequately respond to the social and economic concerns of Dalit refugees?
2. How would you evaluate the role of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in shaping post-Partition politics in Bengal?
3. Critically assess the role of the Congress government in West Bengal with a special reference to Bidhan Chandra Roy.
4. How did Rajbanshi and Gorkha identity questions shape regional politics in West Bengal?

*Or,*

Write an essay on the historical and cultural context of partition in cinema and also discuss the refugee narrative of Bengal.

**Group - B**

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

5. Provide a brief account of Communist-led mass movements in West Bengal during the 1950s and 1960s.

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6. Assess the Evacuee Property Act of 1950.

***Or,***

Write a short note on 'Danga'.

7. How did the films of Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen reflect the aspirations of the Bengali middle class?

8. Briefly examine the political ideas of Charu Majumdar.

***Or,***

How would you analyse the cultural impact of the Naxalite movement (1970) in Bengal.

9. Write a note on Operation Barga and land reforms in West Bengal.

10. Critically review the book '*The Spoils of Partition : Bengal and India, 1947-1967*' by Joya Chatterjee.

***Or,***

How did Sabitri Roy describe the condition of refugee women in the novel '*Swaralipi*'?

**[Internal Assessment : 10 marks]**

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