

M.A. 1st Semester Examination-2022-23

HISTORY

Course ID : 10454

Course Code : HIST/1040

**Course Title : Aspects of Social History :
Caste, Gender and Labour in Indian History**

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

*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.*

Unit-I

1. Answer any two of the following questions : 15×2=30

- (a) Discuss, with reference to the *Namasudra* movement in Bengal, the nuances of the caste question in constitutional politics in the last ten years of colonial rule in India.
- (b) Did the discussions for and against the abolition of *Sati* bring forward clearly demarcated notions of tradition and modernity ?

(Turn Over)

- (c) How did women's writings fit into the nationalist framework of politics in 19th century Bengal ?
- (d) Can working class politics in early 20th century Bengal be understood in terms of the persistence of 'pre-capitalist' relationships ?

Unit-II

2. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 5×2=10

- (a) What is meant by sanskritization ?
- (b) Briefly discuss the cultural nationalist position regarding the Age of Consent Bill in Bengal.
- (c) With regard to social reforms, would you say that the movement towards modernisation was halted by nationalist politics ?
- (d) Comment on the structural changes introduced in the IJMA in 1937.
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