



**H & ARCH-104/23**

**2023**

( 2nd Semester )

**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

Course No. : H-104

( **Feudalism** )

*Full Marks : 70*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Examine the theories on the decline of trade and commerce in study of the transitional process from ancient to medieval world in Western Europe. 14

*Or*

Examine the feudal mode of production and explain the feudal obligations as manifested in serfdom. 7+7=14

2. Examine the circumstances in the rise and development of markets and towns in medieval Europe. 14

Or

- (a) Briefly elucidate the impact of technological innovations in agrarian production in Western Europe between the 12th and 14th Centuries.
- (b) Explain in brief about the noble way of life. 7+7=14

3. Give an analysis of the peasant economy (the Vaishya-Shudra mode of production) and examine how its collapse is linked to the feudal beginnings in India. 7+7=14

Or

Explain briefly about the Samantas, Mahasamantas, Brahmadeyas and Agrahara settlements.  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 14$

4. Account for the trade and urban centres in Early India and examine how it decayed giving way to feudal formation. 6+8=14

Or

Who were the main participants in the debate on Indian feudalism? Examine their basic contentions. 14

5. Write in brief :

7+7=14

- (a) Peasant protest in Early India
- (b) Factors for the decline of feudalism in Western Europe

Or

Write short notes on the following concepts :

$3\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 14$

- (a) Fragmented sovereignty
- (b) Segmentary nature of State
- (c) Integrative polity
- (d) Kali age crisis

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