



HA-203/25

2025

(2nd Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA - 203

(Modern Indian Society)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

*Answer any **five (5)** questions*

1. a) Discuss the characteristics of pre-colonial society and economy in India. Analyse the debate between the Western and nationalist views. **12**

Or

- b) The Eighteenth Century was an 'Era of Darkness'. Discuss. **12**

2. a) Give a critical assessment of Macaulay's Minute of 1835. **12**

Or

- b) What is the Anglicist-Orientalist controversy over British education policy in India? **12**

(Turn Over)

3. a) What is commercialization of agriculture? How did it affect the Indian society and economy? 12

Or

- b) Write a note on the emergence of cash crops plantations in India with reference to Indigo, Opium and Tea. 12

4. a) Examine the role of banking system in the monetization Indian economy. 12

Or

- b) Discuss the development of infrastructure and its impact in colonial India with reference to Railways. 12

5. Write short notes on **any two**: 6x6

- a) The role of Mahatma Gandhi in transforming the Indian National Movement into a mass movement.
- b) The Swadeshi Movement
- c) The Partition of India in 1947
- d) Challenges of Jawaharlal Nehru as the first Prime Minister of India.

