

2026

(4th Semester)

**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

Course No. : HA - 402

(Colonialism in South East Asia, 1511 - 1830)

*Full Marks : 60**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**Answer any five (5) questions*

1. a) Give a detailed account of the society and economy of South East Asia before the arrival of the European colonial powers. 12

Or

- b) Give an account of the political and commercial relations with the Spice Islands, Siam, Burma and other parts of South East Asia. 12

2. a) Discuss the pre-Spanish Filipino society and provide the events and circumstances leading to the Spanish occupation of the Country. 12

Or

- b) How did Manila develop into a position of commercial importance in the archipelago? Give an account of the Chinese trade and settlement in Manila. 12

(Turn Over)

3. a) Write an essay on the arrival and establishment of the Dutch commercial empire in Indonesia. 12

Or

- b) Write an essay on the establishment of Dutch trade and political relations in Siam, Burma, the Moluccas and other neighboring states. 12

4. a) How did the French get entangled in the politics of Indo-China? Discuss in detail how they managed to become colonial masters in the entire region. 12

Or

- b) What were the factors that prompted the English East India Company to venture to the East Indies? Discuss in brief the most important reasons for their rise to power in Malaya and Burma. 12

5. a) Attempt a discussion on the political and socio-economic conditions in Siam. How did Siam maintain its independence from foreign colonialism? 12

Or

- b) Discuss the role of colonial regimes in the rise of nationalism and nationalistic movements throughout South East Asia. 12

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