

2024
SRMUJ
1st Semester Examination
M.A.
History
HIS-105

Aspects of Social History: Caste, Gender and Labour in Colonial India

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any two of the following questions 5×2
 - a) Critically analyze the key principles underlying Sumit Sarkar's approach to writing social history.
 - b) Write a short note on social mobility.
 - c) How does Anandamath's novel represent women as a symbol of nationalist iconography? Illustrated it
 - d) Discuss the context of enactment of the First Factory Act .
2. Answer any three of the following questions 10×3
 - a) Discuss the impact of colonialism on the writing of social history in India. How did colonial knowledge production shape historical narratives?
 - b) Discuss the social philosophy of Jyotirao Phule in relation to the upliftment of the depressed classes.
 - c) Critically evaluate the debate surrounding the abolishment of the Sati custom in 19th century Bengal.
 - d) Critically discuss the socio-economic conditions of the Indian labor class during the colonial period.
 - e) Discuss the causes of labor movement in India during the colonial period.