

2024
SRMUJ
3rd Semester Examination
M.A.
HISTORY
HIS-303
Society, Economy and Polity: 18th Century 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) How does Satish Chandra critically interpret the Jagirdari Crisis in 18th-century India?
 - b) How did the Bengali Banyans emerge in 18th-century India, and what was their significance?
 - c) How did the Permanent Settlement affect the zamindars and peasants in Bengal?
 - d) How did European agency houses emerge in the late eighteenth Century?

2. Answer any three of the following questions 10×3
 - a) Critically examine the historiography of the decline of the Mughal Empire.
 - b) Critically discuss the role of Mughal Nobility in Polity and Economy.
 - c) Critically examine the main feature of social and cultural life in 18th Century India.
 - d) What were the chief criticisms against the English East India Company in Britain around the mid-18th Century?
 - e) Elucidate the term "Commercialization of agriculture" in Colonial India. Discuss different types of commercialization of Colonial Indian agriculture. Was it a forced commercialization? (3+7)