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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2009

History

C8—SELECTED DEBATES IN INDIAN HISTORY

(2007 admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

*Answer any **two** questions in about **eight** pages each.
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Evaluate the colonial expositions of the Aryan invasion theory.
2. Discuss the hypothesis of the 19th Century Indian intelligentsia regarding the origin of Aryans.
3. Bring out the arguments put forth by R.S. Sharma on Indian Feudalism.
4. Assess the views of **Rajani Palme Dutt** on the impact of colonialism on Indian economy.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

Part B

*Answer any **eight** questions in about **three** pages each.
Each question carries 5 marks.*

5. Comment on the "Linguistic roots" theory put forward by the Orientalists.
6. Examine the various theories of the origin of **Dravidians**.
7. Assess **Ulillian** Jones views as the origin of Indo-European races.
8. Evaluate Henry Maine's statement 'instead of being in an advanced state of civilization India remained in the "infancy of human mind prolonged"'.
9. Examine the arguments associated with the Eastward Movement of the Aryans.
10. Do you agree that James Mill's arguments suited the aims and needs of British imperialism ?
11. Comment on the views regarding the character of commercial classes in Medieval India.
12. Attempt a critique of **R.C. Dutt's** "Economic History of India".
13. Evaluate **Irfan** Habib's observations on the "Iqta" system.
14. Analyse M.N. Roy's statement that on the coming of the British 'India did not pass from the stage of mercantile capitalism to industrial capitalism.'
15. Evaluate **Bipan** Chandra's views on the nature of the Indian National Movement.
16. Assess the views of Subaltern Historians about the 'elitist' approach to the study of the Indian Nationalist Movement.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)