

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, December -2023

History

HST3.03: Society and Religion in Medieval India

Full Marks: 60

Time Allowed: 3 hours

All questions carry equal marks

1. Write short notes on any two of the following: 6+6=12
 - (a) Khudkasht
 - (b) Urban classes of Medieval India
 - (c) Sarais

2. (a) What is Saguna and Nirguna Bhakti? Explain. 12

Or

(b) Discuss the role of women in popularising the Bhakti movement. 12

3. (a) Examine the emergence of Guru tradition and Khalsa identity in Sikhism. 12

Or

(b) Discuss the role of Sankardeva in the Neo Vaishnavite movement of Assam. 12

4. (a) Discuss the origin, evolution and characteristics of Jagannath Cult in Orissa. 12

Or

(b) Discuss the history of the Lingayat Movement in Karnataka and assess its significance. 6+6=12

5. (a) Explain the role of Ulema in Islam. How did their guidance influence the relationship between religion and the state in Islamic history? 4+8=12

Or

(b) Describe the arrival and influence of Protestant Christianity in India. What were the major differences between Protestantism and other Christian traditions in the Indian context? 4+8=12