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HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : HIS4200204MJ

[Social and Economic History of Assam (Up To-1947 CE)]

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. **Answer the following questions :** 1×8=8

a) Who started the Neo-Vaishnavite Movement in Assam?

b) Name two literary sources in early Assam.

c) What is the Posa system?

d) Who were the Paiks in medieval Assam?

e) Name one modern industry developed in colonial Assam.

f) Name one religious belief practiced in early Assam.

g) When was the Assam Sahitya Sabha established?

h) Name one agricultural regulation during colonial Assam.

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2. **Answer the following questions (*any six*) :** 2×6=12

a) Which two Satras belong to Kala Sanghati tradition?

b) Mention any two trade routes of medieval Assam.

c) Write two differences between Jonaki Yug and Ramdhenu Yug.

d) What do you understand by the caste-class relationship in medieval Assam?

e) What do you mean by Colonial Assam?

f) What were the main causes of language controversy in 19th Century Assam?

g) Write any two reasons for the formation of the Assam Sahitya Sabha.

h) Name any two Satras belonging to the Brahma Sanghati.

i) Mention any two features of the Paik System in medieval assam.

j) What were the main sources of land revenue in medieval Assam?

3. **Answer the following questions (*any four*) :** 5×4=20

a) Analyse the development of plantation economy in colonial Assam with special reference to tea industry.

b) Discuss the role of Christian missionaries in the growth of modern education system in Assam.

c) Discuss the religious beliefs and practices in early Assam.

d) Examine the impact of the Neo-Vaishnavite Movement on Assamese society.

e) Write a short note on the development of Transport System in colonial Assam.

f) Discuss the role of Christian missionaries in the growth of modern education in Assam.

g) Describe the social structure of early Assamese society with reference to the Varna system.

h) Discuss the trade and trade routes of medieval Assam.

4. **Answer the following questions (*any two*) :** 10×2=20

a) Discuss the major features of the economy in colonial Assam with special emphasis on agriculture regulations, development of modern industries and transport system.

b) Evaluate the impact of Neo-Vaishnavite Movement on the society and culture of Assam with reference to the development of Satra institutions and Sanghatis.

c) Analyse the literary and cultural development of Assam with special reference to the Jonaki Yug and Ramdhenu Yug.

d) Examine the role of myths and legends in understanding the proto-historic period of early Assam.

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