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III Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE-Regular)
Examination, October 2024
(2023 Admission)
HISTORY
MAHIS03C10 : Colonialism and Transformation of India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instruction : Answers may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

SECTION – A
(Essay Type Questions)

Answer **any 2** out of 4 questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Discuss the effects of British agrarian policies, particularly revenue settlements on rural society in colonial India.
2. Examine the role of science and technology in the consolidation of British colonial rule, especially through the use of surveys and ethnographic studies.
3. Assess how colonial interventions like forest laws affected the livelihood of tribal communities and reshaped their relationship with the environment.
4. Evaluate the role of Western education in the transformation of Indian society, focusing on the Indian renaissance. **(2×10=20)**

SECTION – B
(Short Essay Questions)

Answer **any 5** out of 7 questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. What were the main features of Permanent Land Revenue Settlement ?
6. How did British education policies lead to the rise of new social classes in India ?

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7. Evaluate the impact of the commercialization of agriculture.
8. Discuss how British colonial anthropology influenced their understanding and classification of Indian society.
9. Evaluate the significance of middle-class growth in colonial India.
10. Analyze the significance of colonial museums and art in legitimizing British rule over India.
11. How did British policies transform the position of women in colonial India ?
(5×5=25)

SECTION – C
(Paragraph Type Questions)

Answer **any 5** out of 8 questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. Explain the "Reluctant Conqueror" thesis.
 13. Define new landlordism in the context of British colonial agrarian policies.
 14. What was the objective of British ethnographical studies during colonial rule in India ?
 15. Briefly explain the role of forest policies in Colonial India.
 16. What was the purpose of censuses in Colonial India.
 17. Define deindustrialization and its impact on the Indian economy under colonial rule.
 18. What was the role of colonial knowledge in the administration of the British Empire in India ?
 19. Briefly explain the transition to capitalist agriculture in colonial India. (5×3=15)
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