

**M.A. Semester-I Examination 2014**  
**History**  
**Course : 4**  
**(Agrarian History of Colonial India)**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Would you agree that the notion of an unchanging village community in India is an orientalist fiction?
  2. What were the ideological shifts that led to the adoption of the ryotwari system in Madras and Bombay?
  3. Write a note on the growth of commercial agriculture in Bengal between 1859 and 1885.
  4. What effects did the expansion of land, labour and credit markets have on the standard of living of agricultural labourers from the mid-nineteenth century onwards?
  5. Do you agree that tea plantation labour was proletarianised' and then 'de-proletarianised'?
  6. Did the export of foodgrains from India increase the intensity of famines by reducing domestic food availability during periods of bad harvest?
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