# B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2015

**Semester – II**

**Economics**

**Paper : H-3**

**(Indian Economic History)**

**Time: 3 Hours** **Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.*

Answer ***any four*** questions.

1. Why did the British introduce 'Permanent Settlement'? In which region was this introduced and why did the British not introduce it elsewhere? 6+4

2. What were the major policy differences of the colonial government in the period before and after 1813? Why did these changes occur and what was their effect on trade pattern? 4+6

3. What do the processes of 'de-industrialisation' and 'commercialisation of agriculture' during colonial rule refer to? What was the connection between the two? 4+6

4. How did the cotton textile industry prosper during British rule though the cotton industry lobby was politically powerful in Britain? What explain its initial concentration in erstwhile Bombay and its later dispersion? 4+6

5. What explains the difference in the ownership pattern of cotton and jute mills during colonial rule in India? What were the reasons for the decline of the jute textile industry in India? 5+5

6. Do you agree with the position taken by nationalists regarding British-India government's expenditure on railways vis-à-vis that on irrigation? 10

7. Why did the British introduce the policy of discriminating protection considering that they had introduced polices that are said to have caused de-industrialisation? 10

8. Write short notes on ***any two*** of the following: 5+5

   (a) Imperial preference

   (b) Mahalwari settlement

   (c) Financial Imperialism

   (d) Guarantee System in Indian railways