

**M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015**

**HISTORY**

**Special Paper : Modern India (Gr-B)**

**Course - B1**

**History of Modern India : 1757-1857**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Account for the different developments leading to the Jagirdari Crisis. Could the Jagirdari Crisis be avoided through technological changes?
  2. Did the decline of the Mughal Empire coincide with a 'cultural failure' in the Orient?
  3. Is it correct to call Murshid Quli's revenue reforms the first step towards a ryotwari settlement? Show how the assessment of his revenue system has recently been revised?
  4. Discuss how commercialisation affected the cultivation of indigo, tea and opium. Describe the different processes of the sources of funding their cultivation.
  5. How did price fluctuations in the international market affect the lives of cotton-producers in the Deccan in the 1860s? Discuss its long term effects on peasant behaviour in the following years.
  6. Show how the changes in the system of revenue collection and landownership contribute to the unrest among the peasants in the Awadh-North West Provinces region. How did their grievances get linked to the sepoy grievances in 1857?
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