

3 SEM TDC HST M 2

2017

(November)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 302

(Social and Economic History of Assam)

Full Marks : 80
Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

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

1. (a) Answer the following as directed in one word or in one sentence each : $1 \times 8 = 8$
- (i) Fill in the blank :
The term used for Tantric Buddhism is _____.
 - (ii) What was 'Gaulikom'?
 - (iii) Who was the first formal teacher of Sri Sankardeva?
 - (iv) Which item was mostly used as a medium of exchange in medieval Assam?

(Turn Over)

(2)

- (v) In which year was the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation Act passed?
- (vi) Where was the first oil refinery of Asia established?
- (vii) Name the press from where the *Assam Bilashini* was published.
- (viii) Who was the author of *Lora Siksha*?
- (b) Write short notes on any *three* of the following : $4 \times 3 = 12$
- (i) Shaktipith Kamakhya
- (ii) Paiks of Medieval Assam
- (iii) Internal trade during Ahoms
- (iv) Water transport system in Colonial Assam
- (v) Orunodoi
2. Give short description on social classes and occupational groups of ancient Assam. $6 + 6 = 12$

Or

Describe briefly about the land grants and Agrahara settlement of ancient Assam. $6 + 6 = 12$

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3. Discuss briefly the position of slaves and servants in the society of medieval Assam. 12

Or

Briefly discuss the contributions of Vaishnavite Satras towards religious and socio-cultural life of Assamese society.

4. Prepare a note on the agricultural system of medieval Assam and its impact on the general economy. 12

Or

Discuss the Posa system as a policy of economic relation between the hills and the valley during medieval period.

5. Write an essay on the development of tea industry in colonial Assam. 12

Or

Describe the history of oil industry in Assam.

6. Describe briefly the contribution of the Christian Missionaries towards the development of modern education in 19th century Assam. 12

Or

Discuss the factors which contributed in the emergence of the middle class in colonial Assam.

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