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**Second Semester M.A. Degree (Reg./Supple./Improve.)
Examination, March 2016
HISTORY
(2014 Admn. Onwards)**

HIS 2E 03 (Elective) : Caste and Social Stratification in Medieval India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

**SECTION – A
(Essays)**

Answer **any two** of the following questions : (2×12=24)

1. Do you agree with the concept of purity and pollution as the basis of Indian caste system ? Discuss various aspects of this problem.
2. Critically assess how Bhakti movement affected Indian caste system.
3. Discuss the early organized attempts against the caste system in medieval India.
4. Give an account of caste oppression and the condition of untouchable communities in medieval India.

**SECTION – B
Part – I**

Answer **any four** of the following questions (answer in **one** sentence or **one** word). (4×1=4)

5. Who is the author of the book 'Castes of Mind' ?
6. Guru Nanak.
7. Surdas.

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8. Idangai castes.
9. Pratiloma marriage.
10. Homo Hierarchicus.

Part – II
(Short Notes)

Answer **any four** of the following questions.

(4×3=12)

11. Occupational origin of castes.
12. Endogamy.
13. How Karma theory endorses caste system ?
14. Jats.
15. Siddha literature.
16. Evaluate the caste system and village community.

Part – III
(Short Essays)

Answer **any four** of the following questions.

(4×5=20)

17. Discuss the role of Sufism in Indian history.
18. How the castes determine the layout of the village ?
19. Discuss the social context of the development of groups such as Sikhs.
20. Explain the concept graded inequality.
21. Examine the views of Ambedkar on caste system.
22. How did Varnasrama Dharma acted as an impediment in social mobility ?