

The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences

M.A History 2nd Semester

Semester End Examination, July 2022

Course Title: State Formations in Medieval India: Polity and Administration

Course Code : HST184C201

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Section – A

1. Attempt **all questions**. (Maximum word limit 50) **2 x 8**
- Name any two books written by Afif.
 - Mention any two autobiographies written during the Mughal period.
 - When and between whom was the Battle of Terrain II fought?
 - Name any two dynasties that ruled India during the Sultanate period.
 - Which Mughal ruler was known as *zinda pir*? Why?
 - Define *ibadat khana*.
 - Who were the Muhtasibs?
 - Who were the ulemmas ?

Section – B

2. Attempt **any one** of the following: **12 x 1**
- Critically analyse the contribution of *Baburnama* in the context of Medieval Indian historiography.
 - Discuss the significance of *Rehla* in reconstructing the history of Delhi Sultanate.
3. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- Give an account of Alauddin Khilji's market policy.
 - Discuss the contribution of Balban to Delhi Sultanate's administration.
 - Do you agree that Muhammad Tughlaq was a 'mad wise king'? Give reasons.
4. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- Discuss the significance of Babur's rule.
 - Explain the *mansabdari* system.
 - Explain the rajput policy under the Mughals.
5. Attempt **any two** of the following **7 x 2**
- Give an account of Bengal in the 18th century.
 - Write a short note on the nature of state under the Mughals.
 - Write a short note on Aurangzeb's religious policy.