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BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2025

(1st Year, 1st Semester)

ECONOMICS

Course : ECO/UG/CVAC/TH/11/101

**Understanding the Economic History and Political
Economy of India : Pre-Independence Era**

Time : Two Hours

Full Marks : 30

Answer all the questions :

1. Mention two basic features of colonialism in India. Do you think the economic decline of India has its root to colonial rule? Discuss in light of Great Divergence debate. 2+8=10
(CO1)

(OR)

Differentiate between merchant capital vs finance capital era of colonial era. What is the difference between silver and grain wage? How does their change explain the living condition of common people during the first half of the colonial period?
3+3+4=10

(CO1)

2. Briefly write about the historical background of Famine of Bengal in 1943. Examine how Prof. A.Sen has tried to explain the Bengal Famine. 6+4=10
(CO4)

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3. Critically examine the Impact of Railways on development of India during colonial rule. 5
(CO3)
4. Write a short note on *any one* : 5
(CO2)
- (a) Economic Drain
- (b) Railway Rate Policy

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