

**NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY**

**MID-TERM EXAMINATION: FALL SEMESTER 2019**

**COURSE HIS 101**

**SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS**

**Time Allowed: 1 Hour 25 Minutes Marks: 30**

**Marks Distribution:**

1. Broad Question: 24
2. Short Notes: 06

**A. Broad Question (Answer any Two from Four) 10X1=10**

1. What types of sources historian use in writing ancient history? What are the major challenges in studying the sources of history writing? (6+6)
2. How did geography of Bengal play important role in the development of its History? Define the key geographical characteristics of Bengal Delta? (5+7)
3. Discuss the reign of Sashanka in Bengal and his contribution to Bengal history. (6+6)
4. How did the Pala Empire emerge in 8th century? Discuss the major contributions of the Pala Empire. (5+7)
5. Discuss the background and the consequences of battle of Plassey. (6+6)
6. How did the signing of Diwani pave the journey for East India Company’s rule in Bengal? Discuss the impact of Diwani. (5+7)
7. Discuss the major contributions of Mughal Empire in Bengal with special focus on Shiesta Khan. (7+5)
8. How did the Iliyas Shahi dynasty emerge in power in Bengal? Discuss the contribution of this dynasty in founding the independent Bengal Saltanate. (5+7)
9. Discuss the factors that led to the growth of colonialism in Indian subcontinent. Evaluate the role of East India Company in establishing British rule in Bengal. (5+7)

**B. Short Notes (Answer any One from Three) 6X1=06**

1. Janapads
2. Ajoy Valley Civilization
3. Turkish Conquest of Bihar and Bengal
4. Matsyanayam
5. Gangaridai Empire
6. Ethnicity of the Bengalis
7. Battle of Buxer
8. Permanent Settlement