

63/1 (SEM-5) DSE2/HISHE5026

2022

(Held in 2023)

HISTORY

Paper : HISHE5026

(Ethnohistory of the Bodos)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer of the following :

1×6=6

(a) Ethnohistory is a

(i) methodology

(ii) source

(iii) subject

(iv) discipline

(b) Which one of the following tribes is not a Bodo ethnic group?

(i) Kokborok

(ii) Dimasa

(iii) Ahom

(iv) Garo

- (c) Who was the author of the book, *The Kacharis* ?
- (i) S. K. Chatterji
 - (ii) Rev. Sidney Endle
 - (iii) Sir Edward Gait
 - (iv) B. H. Hodgson
- (d) Bodo language belongs to
- (i) Santhali
 - (ii) Tibeto-Burman
 - (iii) Nepali
 - (iv) Austric
- (e) The female dancer of the Kherai worship is called as
- (i) Oja
 - (ii) Doudini
 - (iii) Bwirathi
 - (iv) Douri
- (f) Which one of the following is not related to weaving implements?
- (i) Spinning
 - (ii) Thread
 - (iii) Bamboo sticks
 - (iv) Knife

2. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10
- (a) What do you mean by ethnohistory?
 - (b) Write any two traditional social offense laws of the Bodos.
 - (c) Mention any two roles of Douri.
 - (d) Write any two food habits of the Bodos.
 - (e) Mention any two tools commonly used as weights and measures by the Bodos in the past.
3. Answer any six of the following questions : 5×6=30
- (a) Discuss briefly the sources of the Kiratas.
 - (b) Briefly highlight the origin of the Bodos.
 - (c) Write a note on dialects of the Bodos.
 - (d) Throw light on the family life of the Bodos.
 - (e) Write a note on 'Garja Puja'.
 - (f) Write a note on 'Kachari Dooars'.
 - (g) Describe briefly the traditional hunting of the Bodos.

(h) Write a note on silkworm rearing of Bodo women.

(i) Discuss the economic activities of the Bodos in the Brahmaputra Valley.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

(a) Describe briefly the origin and growth of ethnohistory.

(b) Discuss the migration and settlement of the Bodos.

(c) Discuss the 'Hathasuni Khurnai' (traditional marriage) system of the Bodos.

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 14

(a) What is the traditional religion of the Bodos? Evaluate the influence of the traditional religions of the Bodos in their cultural life.

(b) Discuss the position of the women in the Bodo society.

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