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B.A. Examinations 1998-99

SEMESTER 2

HISTORY

Course HI381 : **THE ORIGINS OF THE WARS OF KINGDOMS**

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Time allowed : **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions

1. Consider the importance of Religion and the Rise of Capitalism by R.H. Tawney to the historical understanding of, and debate over, the origins of civil conflict in mid-seventeenth century England.
2. 'All revolutions, even though they may be occasioned by external causes, and expressed in intellectual form, are made real and formidable by defects in the social structure'. How true is it to say that this pronouncement by H. Trevor-Roper demonstrates that he proceeded from the same premise about the nature and cause of civil war in mid-seventeenth century England as did his intellectual rivals in the historical debates of the 1950s and the 1960s?
3. Explain how the various arguments over the origins of the English Civil War that held sway during the 1950s and 1960s were discredited essentially by the work of local historians.
4. Assess the importance of the work of Nicholas Tyacke on 'the Rise of Arminianism' to our understanding of political developments in England, Scotland and Ireland during the first half of the seventeenth century.
5. How do you respond to the proposition that the essential purpose and achievement of the 'revisionist historians' represented in The Origins of the English Civil War edited by Conrad Russell (London, 1973) was to