

2014

HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 1.1

(Introduction to History)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer **all** questions

1. Answer the following questions in *one word*
or *one sentence* each : 1×10=10
- (a) What is the central theme of 'positivist' history?
 - (b) Why do you think 'objectivity' is unattainable in history?
 - (c) What is social history?
 - (d) How is history related to archaeology?
 - (e) Who is known as the father of scientific history?

- (f) Name one of the early orientalists.
- (g) Who is the author of *History of Sanskrit Literature*?
- (h) State one reason why 'inter-disciplinarity' is considered important by the historians today.
- (i) To which school of thought does E. H. Carr belong?
- (j) Who is the initiator of 'subaltern history' project in India?

2. Answer the following in brief : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) "All history is contemporary history." Who said this and why?
- (b) Bring out the essential difference between 'primary source' and 'secondary source'.
- (c) What role does geography play in giving shape to the history of a particular region?
- (d) State two limitations of Greek historical method.
- (e) What do you think is the ideology behind all forms of orientalist studies?

3. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Historical facts
- (b) Political history
- (c) Relation of history with sociology or political science
- (d) Characteristics of Graeco-Roman historiography
- (e) Chinese historiography
- (f) Alberuni's account of India

4. Answer any *four* of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) According to E. H. Carr, the facts speak only when the historian calls on them. Elucidate.
- (b) Put forward your arguments on the view that social history is not a branch of history but a way of doing any kind of history.
- (c) Define the term 'history'. Bring out the essential differences between 'history' and 'the past'.
- (d) Write a note on either of the following :
 (i) Relation of history with philosophy
 (ii) Relation of history with literature

- (e) Bring out the salient features of medieval Indian historiography with reference to any literary work of medieval India.
- (f) To what extent does economic history of a region give shape to the history of the region? Can economic history be segregated from political history?
- (g) Make a critical assessment of Rankean method of writing history.
- (h) Assess the contribution of the colonial historians of modern Indian history.

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