Entrance Examinations – 2016

M.Phil. History

Time : 2 hours

Max.Marks : 75

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains Two Parts (Part – A and Part – B).
2. Part ‘A’ has two sections. Section-1 is major essay and Section-2 is short essay.
3. Part ‘B’ consists of concepts and should be answered on separate sheet.
4. Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items.
Part-A

Section 1 Marks 25

Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 500 words.

1. What is history? Unearthing new facts or providing new explanations?
2. How is history different from other social sciences?

Section 2 Marks 2 x 10 = 20

Write short essays of 200 words each on TWO of the following questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. What extent were religious movements' vehicles for social protest in early India?
2. Discuss the various factors responsible for the decline of the Mauryan Empire.
3. Discuss the chief contributions of the Satavahanas to the art and culture of the Deccan.
5. The use of the Mansabdari system explains the centralisation of the empire under Mughals. Elaborate.
6. Can Sher Shah Suri be considered a forerunner of Akbar? Discuss.
7. Is a colonial economy different from a capitalist economy and is there such a thing as a colonial 'Mode of Production'?
8. What were the Indian intellectual discourses in the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries about the position of women in Indian society?
9. How did V.D. Savarkar's perspective on nationalism differ from those of his contemporaries.
Part B: Marks 10 x 3 = 30

Write brief notes on any TEN of the following concepts. Each note should not exceed 25 words.

1. Vishti
2. Jati
3. Prasasti
4. Shramanas
5. Madad i mash
6. Zat and Sawar
7. Sulh-i-kul
8. Poligar
9. Montage
10. Patriarchy
11. Enlightenment
12. Dyarchy