

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2016

Ph.D. (History)

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks : 75

Hall Ticket Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts (Part-A and Part-B)
 2. Part 'A' is major essay.
 3. Part 'B' consists of short essay 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.
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Part-A (Marks 15)

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

1. Is history an Art or a Science? Elucidate.
2. If historical facts and events are unique and onetime occurrences, how is any theorization possible in the discipline of history?
3. Is an upfront declaration of the historian's subjectivity the only possible attempt at any 'objectivity' in history?
4. If there are multiple causes for an event or a process, how do you decide what causes are more important than others ?

Part-B (Marks 4x15-60)

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 500 words

1. Highlight the differences between the Harappan and Vedic culture.
2. Compare and contrast the basic teachings of Buddhism and Jainism.
3. What is the scope of regional history in the context of Ancient India?
4. Examine the contributions of Pallavas to art and architecture.
5. How can the establishment of the Turkish Empire in India be explained through the, 'theory of Urban Revolution'?
6. Can Akbar be considered an experimentalist? Elaborate.

7. Examine the agrarian structure in the medieval Deccan taking into account the revenue system of Malik Ambar.
8. Is the concept of 'segmentary state' useful in explaining the political system of medieval South India?
9. Discuss the various interpretations of Indian nationalism by choosing examples from Colonial/Cambridge, Liberal/Nationalist and Marxist approaches.
10. What role did the 'drain theory', play in the construction of nationalist ideology?
11. What role did ideological and social factors play in a redefinition of Hinduism by the end of the nineteenth century?
12. Compare Gandhi's and Ambedkar's perspectives on the question of caste system and eradication of untouchability.