

Entrance Examination – 2019

PhD (History)

Time 2 Hours: Maximum Marks - 70

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS PART A AND PART B.
2. PART-A HAS TWO SECTIONS. ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 1 (20 MARKS) AND ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 2(15 MARKS).
3. PART-B HAS TWO SECTIONS. ANSWER ONE QUESTIONN FROM SECTION 1 (20 MARKS) AND ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 2 (15 MARKS).
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.

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO (2) PAGES INCLUDING THIS FRONT PAGE.

PhD (History)**Part A****Section 1: Answer one question from this section. 20 Marks**

1. Is it possible to formulate "laws" of history, similar to, let us say, "laws" of physics?
2. If history-writing is about writing narratives of what happened, is there any use of social theory for historians?

Section 2: Answer one question from this section. 15 Marks

1. What is the role of generalization in history-writing?
2. Are there any general or specific lessons to be learned from history?

Part B**Section 1: Answer one question from this section. 20 Marks**

1. Are there different "schools" in the interpretation of ancient Indian history? If there are, what are the differences between them?
2. What are the debates about how Islam got indigenized in the Indian context during the medieval period?
3. What are the contending positions in the so-called "de-industrialization" debate pertaining to nineteenth-century India, and how do you evaluate them?

Section 2: Answer one question from this section. 15 Marks

1. What are the factors behind the rise of caste system in India? During the ancient period, was caste a static hierarchy?
2. Would it be right to characterize the various medieval Indian states as Hindu states and Islamic states?
3. What were the various ways in which Christian missionaries critiqued Indian society and Indian religions?