

## Entrance Examinations 2021

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 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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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. Do you think that historical research is driven by an inexorable desire to reveal the truth of the past? Discuss the possibilities and limitations of history in figuring out a 'true past'.
2. What do you understand by the comparative historical method in the writing of history? How did comparative historical analysis truly emerge as a research tradition?

**Section 2: Answer ONE question from this section. 15 Marks**

3. 'The division of human time into historical periods/epochs is problematic and therefore should be discarded' - Discuss.
4. Has the digital turn impacted on the nature and use of the historical archive? Discuss.

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

5. Bring out the salient features and historical significance of the Aryan debate in India.
6. The understanding of the medieval comes through non-textual sources as well and physical evidence is one such kind. Explain how physical evidences can be used to write about the medieval past of India.
7. There was serious variance between the Adivasi rationality and the colonial rationality. Explain the ways through which the colonial state introduced modernization in the Adivasi areas and in turn how the Adivasis responded to such modernizing initiatives.

**Section 2: Answer ONE question from this section. 15 Marks**

8. 'Patronage can act as a cultural catalyst.' Deliberate on this statement in the context of early India.
  9. Write a note on the 'long eighteenth century' and the historiographical debates it generated with special reference to India.
  10. Did the nature of caste transform as a consequence of the colonial rule in India, and if it did, in what ways?
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