

**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2015****Ph.D. (History)****Time: 2 hours****Max. Marks: 75****Hall Ticket Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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. Sometimes history has been described as a different form of "fiction". Do you agree?
2. Write a note on periodization in Indian history and its validity today?
3. How can we construct the history of people who have not left any written evidence?
4. How can literature be used as source for history writing.

**Part-B (Marks 4x15=60)**

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 500 words

1. To what extent did Roman trade defined the economy of the early India (200BCE-200CE)? Elaborate.
2. Elaborate on the chief features of state and society during the Sangam Age.
3. Is it justified to argue that the Buddhist ideas of social justice bring about a 'revolution' in ancient India? discuss
4. Discuss the contributions of ancient India to the field of science and technology.
5. Alauddin Khilji's market reforms controlled the prices as well as ensured supply of goods to the market. Explain the system adopted to achieve the purpose.
6. The system of land revenue administration developed during Akbar's period can be considered to be scientific in nature. Analyze the statement explaining the system.
7. The conquest of Delhi in 1526 did not make Babur the emperor of Hindustan. It was Akbar's policies which laid the foundation of Mughal rule in India--discuss.
8. Write a note on the textile technology available in medieval India and the social response to the introduction of new technologies.
9. How and why did the Self-Respect movement gain momentum in South India?
10. Critically discuss the theoretical assumptions behind the growth of nationalism in India. Do you think it was an "inclusive" movement, as it claimed?
11. Did the colonial rule make the caste system more rigid? - Explain.
12. Did right-wingers come to exercise control over the politics of the Indian national congress before 1947?

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