UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD  
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2010  

M.Phil (History)  

Time: 2 hours  

Max Marks: 100  

HALL TICKET NUMBER: ____________________________  

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 essays.  
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.
M Phil Entrance Paper 2010 (HISTORY)

Part A – Section 1

Marks 30

Answer any one of the following seven questions in about 500 words.

1. Elucidate the main features of Neolithic cultures.

2. What are the uses and limitations of Artha Sastra as a primary source for writing the history of the Mauryas?

3. How did the Jagirdari crisis contribute to the collapse of the Mughal Empire?

4. How centralized was the Mughal state?

5. What are the important changes in politics that came into effect after Gandhi’s entry into the Indian national movement?

6. Discuss the salient features of the Quit India Movement.

7. Is history an art (one of humanities) or social science?

Part A – Section 2

Marks 2x15=30

Write two short essays of 200 words each. Each question carries 15 marks.

1. Discuss the contribution of D D Kosambi to the writing of ancient Indian history.

2. What is the so-called ‘second urbanization’ in ancient India? How was it different from the Harappan culture?

3. What are the well-known styles of art and architecture that flourished in ancient India?

4. Discuss the various technologies of irrigation in medieval India.

5. What was the contribution of the Qutb Shahi rulers to the field of Deccani architecture?
6. What are the salient features of Alauddin Khilji’s market policy and what is its significance?

7. How did the Moderates contribute to the project of Indian nationalism?

8. What was the nature of Ambedkar’s political differences with Gandhi?

9. What were the attitudes of the Indian capitalist class towards the Indian national movement?

10. In what ways does history draw from other social sciences?

Part B

Use a separate answer book. 

Marks 10x4=40

Concepts

Write brief notes on any ten of the following – Each question carries 4 marks – Each note should not exceed 25 words

Jataka Panchayat Dagh
Jajmani Itihasa Bahujan
Megalith Khalisa Indian secularism
Harijan Watan-Jagir Dhamma
Federalism Silsilah Samsara
Gana-sangha swaraj Ibadat-khana