ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2014

M.Phil. (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 has two sections. Section-1 and Section-2. Both the sections contain essay type questions.

3) Part-B consists of concepts.

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.
Part A

Section 1 Marks 15

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

1. “Bias is inherent in the writing of history.” Comment.

2. How is History different from other Social Sciences?

Section 2 Marks 3 x 15 = 45

Answer any Three of the following questions in about 500 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1. To what extent did the organization of guilds define the economy of early India (200 BCE to 200 CE)?
2. Do you think environmental factors played a role in the rise and decline of civilizations in early India?
3. Discuss the origin and chief characteristics of ‘caste’ in early India. To what extent was ‘caste’ linked to the development of peasant economy?
4. Can medieval Indian agrarian economy be classified as feudal economy?
5. Is it correct to term the Vijayanagara Empire as a ‘Hindu’ empire?
6. Can the theory of urban revolution explain the establishment of Turkish rule in India?
7. What were the significant changes in British policy after 1857?
8. How did peasantry come to participate in the politics of Indian nationalism?
9. What impact did colonial rule have on the Indian economy?
Part-B

Marks 5 x 3 = 15.

Write short notes on any Five of the following concepts. Each concept/note should not exceed 50 words.

Dharma
Kaliyuga
Wilayat
Panchayat
Oriental Despotism
Harijan
Karma
Zabt Method
Swaraj
Patta and Qabuliyat