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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2014

Ph .D (History)

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Hall Ticket Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts (Part-A and Part-.B)
- 2 Both parts contain essay type questions.
- 3 Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted, torn or missing pages or items.

Part A (Marks 15)

Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in about 500 words. Each question carries 15 marks.

1. What purpose does 'narrative' form serve in historical writing?
2. If historical evidence is contained in various and disparate sources, how does historian draw from them and corroborate in the project of writing history?

Part B (Marks 4 x 15 = 60)

Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in about 500 words. Each question carries 15 marks.

1. Did ideological change and social change go hand in hand during the Vedic age?
2. Describe the economic conditions during the Gupta and the post-Gupta eras.
3. Elaborate on the chief features of the state and society during the Sangam Age.
4. Did the Buddhist ideas of social justice bring about a revolution in ancient India?
5. Discuss the available Persian sources for writing the history of medieval India.
6. "Establishment of the Turkish rule in India led to a new culture that did not promote the homogenization of society." Discuss the social structure of medieval India in the light of this statement.
7. Was Muhammad bin Tughlaq a visionary?
8. Did the Jagirdari crisis lead to the disintegration of the Mughal Empire?
9. Is it correct to argue that the 'modern' period of Indian history begins with the Battle of Plassey?
10. How does 'subaltern' historiography differ from Marxist historiography of modern India?
11. How did Gandhi's vision for the future of India differ from Nehru's vision?
12. How did 'caste' get redefined and strengthened during colonial rule?