

2022

(Held in 2023)

HISTORY

Paper : HISHC1016

(Introduction to History)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct option from the following :

1×6=6

**(a) The word 'history' derived from _____
word.**

- (i) Greek**
- (ii) Latin**
- (iii) Chinese**
- (iv) Persian**

(b) "History is the biography of great men."
Who said this?

- (i) Sir John Seeley
- (ii) E. H. Carr
- (iii) Thomas Carlyle
- (iv) Henry Johnson

(c) The subject of the work of Thucydides was

- (i) Roman War
- (ii) Russo-Japanese War
- (iii) Peloponnesian War
- (iv) Napoleonic War

(d) Livy belongs to the category of

- (i) Greek historical writing
- (ii) Chinese historical writing
- (iii) Roman historical writing
- (iv) Mughal historical writing

(e) The author of *Tarikh-i-Hind* is

- (i) Ibn Batuta
- (ii) Hiuen Tsang
- (iii) Amir Khusru
- (iv) Alberuni

(f) Who among the following is a nationalist historian?

- (i) K. P. Jayaswal
- (ii) Irfan Habib
- (iii) Bipan Chandra
- (iv) D. D. Kosambi

2. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10

- (a) What do you mean by 'history repeats itself'?
- (b) What is diplomatic history?
- (c) Bring out the essential difference between primary source and secondary source.
- (d) State two limitations of Greek historical method.
- (e) What do you know about Kalhana?

3. Answer any six of the following questions :

5×6=30

- (a) Write a brief note on the scope of history.
- (b) Write a note on social history.
- (c) Discuss briefly the interrelation between archaeology and history.
- (d) Write a note on Chinese historiography.

- (e) Discuss briefly the Royal historiography as a source of Mughal history.
- (f) Trace the development of historiography in Assam.
- (g) What do you understand by the term 'subaltern historiography'?
- (h) Discuss briefly the salient features of nationalist historiography.
- (i) Write a note on the categories of historical literature.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) Critically examine the importance of objectivity in history.
- (b) Examine the historical value of ancient Indian literary text like the *Vedas*, *Vedantas* and *Puranas*.
- (c) Assess the contribution of the colonial historians of modern Indian history.

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

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- (a) "History is a science, no less no more."
Explain the above statement of J. B. Bury.
- (b) Analyze the contributions of the Graeco-Romans towards the evolution of historical writing.

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