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HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : HISMAJ2034

(Concept and Method of History)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : 1×6=6

(a) Who is the 'Father of History'?

- (i) Cicero
- (ii) Herodotus
- (iii) Theodorus
- (iv) Aristotle

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- (b) Which Buddhist literary work contain sacred teachings of Buddha ?
- (i) Jatakas
 - (ii) Parisista Parvana
 - (iii) Tripitakas
 - (iv) Puranas
- (c) What is the "Father of Chinese Historiography"?
- (i) Confucius
 - (ii) Chu-Yuan-Chang
 - (iii) Ssu-ma-Chien
 - (iv) Tiang
- (d) "History is the biography of greatmen". Who said this ?
- (i) Sir John Seeley
 - (ii) E.H. Carr
 - (iii) Thomas Carlyle
 - (iv) Henry Johnson
- (e) Who wrote "Early History of Kamarupa"?
- (i) Edward Gait
 - (ii) S.K. Bhuyan
 - (iii) J.P. Wade
 - (iv) Kanaklal Barua

- (f) Who composed the first history of Rome in Greek ?
- (i) M.P. Cato
 - (ii) Q.F. Pictor
 - (iii) Tacitus
 - (iv) Livy

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) Mention *any two* nature of history.
- (b) What is primary source ?
- (c) Mention *any two* literary works of Kalidasa.
- (d) What role does geography play in giving shape to the history of a particular region ?
- (e) Define in brief the political history.
- (f) What are the *two* divisions of the Modern Indian Historiography ?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

- (a) Discuss the relationship between economy and history.
- (b) Discuss the differences between primary and secondary sources.
- (c) Write a note on historical facts.

- (d) Trace the development of historiography in Assam.
 - (e) Write a note on didactic history.
 - (f) Characteristics of Imperialist historiography.
 - (g) Write a note on the categories of historical literature.
 - (h) How do archaeological sources help us to reconstruct the past?
 - (i) Write a note on relation of history and sociology.
4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**
12×2=24
- (a) Examine the historical value of ancient Indian literary text like the Epics, Vedas and Puranas.
 - (b) Make a critical assesment of Rankean method of writing history.
 - (c) "The true historiography of India began during the Muslim rule, the Muslims has a keener sense of history and Chronology than the Hindus". Critically examine the statement and explain.
 - (d) What do you mean by tradition? Give an account of the major independent historical thought and tradition of writing.