

2025

M.A. 1st Semester Examination
HISTORY

Paper : HISC401X0

(History and Historiography)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Illustrate the answer wherever necessary.

Group - A

Answer any two questions : 10×2=20

1. Bring out the conflicting approaches of historians regarding the relative importance of fact and interpretation in writing of history.
2. In what ways did the idea of liberty and development become the prime approach in T. B. Macaulay's history writings?
3. How does Eric Hobsbawm's views open up a new dimension in history writing?
4. Critically discuss the origin of nationalism in colonial India as analysed by the Nationalist school and Marxist school of historians.

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Or,

How far was Indian feudalism different from European feudalism?

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

5. Mention the salient features of Barthold Georg Niebuhr's use of critical method in the study of history.

Or,

Briefly explain the arguments of the positivists in the writing of history.

6. Briefly comment on R. G. Collingwood's philosophy on history.
7. Analyse Maurice Dobb's explanation on the rise of capitalism, highlighting its theoretical foundation.

Or,

Write an essay on the significance of E.P Thompson's book 'The Making of the English Working Class'?

8. How does local history and its historians address the issues of community?

Or,

Briefly discuss the view of Christopher Hill regarding the nature of the Seventeenth Century Revolution in England.

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9. Mention the basic arguments of Fernand Braudel in history writing.
10. Discuss the distinctive features of the Cambridge School of thought.

Or,

What is the opinion of the Nationalist historians regarding the nature of Indian Nationalism?

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
