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Third Semester

History — Core

HISTORIOGRAPHY : THEORY AND METHODS

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The word history derived from \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Greek (b) Latin  
(c) Chinese (d) Persian
2. Who is considered as father of scientific history?  
(a) Herodotus (b) Thucydides  
(c) Xenophen (d) Livy

3. A study of history is written by \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Ranke (b) Hegal  
(c) Spengler (d) Toynbee
4. The great men theory was popularised by  
(a) J.B. Bury (b) Thomas Carlyle  
(c) E.H. Carr (d) Hegal
5. Historical materialism is associated with  
(a) Toynbee (b) Gibbon  
(c) Karl Marx (d) Ranjith Guha
6. Subaltern studies as historiographical trend was started by  
(a) D.D. Kosambi  
(b) Romiea Thaper  
(c) Bhandurkar  
(d) Ranajit Guha
7. Who among the following is considered as Indian Marxist Historian?  
(a) D.D. Kosambi (b) R.S. Sharma  
(c) Bhandarkar (d) J.N. Sarkar

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8. The history of British India was written by  
 (a) A.J. Toynbee (b) Gibbon  
 (c) James Mill (d) Karl Marx
9. Which is the method to determine the authority of data  
 (a) External criticism  
 (b) Internal criticism  
 (c) Interview  
 (d) Observation
10. The methodology of textual analysis is called  
 (a) Heuristics (b) Hermeneutics  
 (c) Lower criticism (d) Observation

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the nature and scope of history.

Or

- (b) Is history a science or Art?

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12. (a) Write a note on cyclical theory.

Or

- (b) Assess the significance of causation and change in history.

13. (a) Estimate the contribution of Herodotus to history.

Or

- (b) Examine the features of church historiography.

14. (a) Evaluate the historical works of Romiea Thepar.

Or

- (b) Discuss the principles and ideas of imperialist historiographers.

15. (a) Explain the significance of hypothesis in a research.

Or

- (b) Give an account on bibliography.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the relations between history and other disciplines.

Or

- (b) Analyse the uses and abuses of history.

17. (a) Write an essay on historical materialism.

Or

- (b) Assess the various theories and concepts of history.

18. (a) Enumerate the nature and characteristics of Roman historiography.

Or

- (b) Describe the works of Leopold Von Ranke.

19. (a) Estimate the contribution of D.D. Kosambi to Indian historiography.

Or

- (b) Critically evaluate the works of R.G. Bhandarkar.

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20. (a) How should a researcher select his research topic and what should be his main consideration?

Or

- (b) Discuss the chief sources of data collection for historical writings.
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