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Third Semester

History

Core – HISTORIOGRAPHY : THEORY AND  
METHODS

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The eye witness accounts about past events are called
- (a) Primary sources
  - (b) Secondary sources
  - (c) Oral sources
  - (d) Legendary accounts

2. City of God was authored by
- (a) Xenophen
  - (b) Livy
  - (c) Thucydides
  - (d) St. Augustin
3. Who among the following is considered as the first modern historian?
- (a) Ranke
  - (b) Hegal
  - (c) Spengla
  - (d) Toynbee
4. The theory of "Challenge and response" was propounded by
- (a) Ranke
  - (b) Hegel
  - (c) Spengler
  - (d) Toynbee
5. Who wrote the book "What is history"?
- (a) E.H. Carr
  - (b) Gibbon
  - (c) Toynbee
  - (d) Bloch
6. The collection of memories and personal commentaries of a past incident is called
- (a) Oral history
  - (b) Local history
  - (c) Natural history
  - (d) National history

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7. Who among the following is considered as subaltern historians?

- (a) James Mill
- (b) Ramila Thapar
- (c) D.D. Kosambi
- (d) Ranajit Guha

8. The Asiatic society of Bengal was started by

- (a) James Mill
- (b) William Jones
- (c) Marshal
- (d) Wheeler

9. Which segment is attached at the end of the thesis?

- (a) References
- (b) Glossary
- (c) Bibliography
- (d) Appendix

10. Epistemology refers to

- (a) Satisfied test
- (b) Field survey
- (c) A form of interviewing
- (d) Sampling

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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 of historical facts.

Or

(b) Assess the subject matter of history.

12. (a) Write a short note on historicism.

Or

(b) Explain some significant theories of history.

13. (a) Evaluate the differences between Roman and Greek historiography.

Or

(b) Trace the main characteristics of enlightenment historiography.

14. (a) Examine the works and ideas of orientalist.

Or

(b) Estimate the contribution of Ranajit Guha to subaltern studies.

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15. (a) Explain the significance of documentation.

Or

- (b) Assess the importance of data analysis.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)  
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss some of the important kinds of history.

Or

- (b) "History is a science no less no more" — Discuss.

17. (a) Critically evaluate some significant theories of history.

Or

- (b) Analyze the importance of causation in history and discuss some of the important causation theories.

18. (a) Assess the works of Greek historians.

Or

- (b) Estimate the contribution of Edward Gibbon.

19. (a) Evaluate the contribution of Sir William Jones to Indian history.

Or

- (b) Assess the ideas and works of Ronila Thapar.

20. (a) Discuss some of the qualities and requirements of a research scholar.

Or

- (b) Elaborate the methods of data collection for historical writings.

