

M.Phil./Ph.D. Course Work  
Semester –I  
2016  
HISTORY  
Course-2  
Elective Course

Time 4 Hours

Full Marks 80

Questions are of *equal value*  
Answer *any five* questions

1. How would you explain the fundamental changes in the medieval agrarian society?
2. Explain the main aspects of technology under the Mughals with special reference to innovations of Emperor Akbar and his noble Fatahullah Shiraji.
3. Explain briefly the structure of the Indian maritime trade during the sixteenth century.
4. Critically analyze the characteristics of the sixteenth century overseas trade.
5. Define peasantry as a class. Justify in short the importance of peasants in the study of agrarian history.
6. How was the Bombay Army different from the Bengal Army as far as the policy towards religious customs of the sepoys were concerned?
7. Critically examine British annexation of the 'North Eastern Frontier of Bengal' with special reference to the role of the local military force.
8. Critically analyze the role of women in the Civil Disobedience Movement in Bengal.
9. Write a note on the Progressive Writers' Movement. Discuss the main thrust of their contentions as illustrated in the partition stories you are familiar with.

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Research Methodology and Techniques

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1. What are the characteristics of historiography? Illustrate the importance of time and space as its major constituents.
2. What is a hypothesis? Briefly explain how one can test its validity.
3. Examine the importance of literature review as an integral part of research methodology.
4. How do you assess the importance of oral history? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Discuss briefly the steps involved in writing a thesis.
6. Critically discuss the salient features of the Annales School of history.
7. Would you agree that the rise of the Subaltern School marked a distinctive break in the historiography of modern South Asia?
8. In what ways did the post-modernist views pose a great challenge to modern historical thought?