

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2017

**PhD (History)**

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO PARTS (**Part-A** and **Part-B**)
2. PART - A HAS FOUR QUESTIONS, OUT OF WHICH TWO SHOULD BE ANSWERED. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS
3. PART - B HAS SIX QUESTIONS, OUT WHICH TWO SHOULD BE ANSWERED. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS
4. BEFORE YOU START WRITING YOUR ANSWERS, PLEASE CHECK THAT THIS QUESTION PAPER DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO (2) PAGES INCLUDING THE FRONT PAGE

## PhD (History)

### Part – A

1. What are the difficulties faced by historians in reconstructing the history of pre-literate societies and how can they be overcome?
2. Discuss the importance of 'comparative method' in the writing of history.
3. How is history different from the other social sciences?
4. If history is the study of unique events, is a larger and holistic understanding of the historical process possible?

### Part - B

1. Discuss the reasons for the decline of Buddhism in India.
2. Compare and contrast the early Vedic society with the later Vedic society.
3. Discuss the various methods of irrigation in place during the medieval period of Indian history.
4. Critically assess the importance of Cholas in the history of South India.
5. What is the nature of intervention by Subaltern Studies in the writing of modern Indian history?
6. Did 'consent' and 'hegemony' play a role in the manner in which the British ruled and controlled India?