Entrance Examination – 2019

M Phil (History)

Time 2 Hours: Maximum Marks - 70

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS PART A AND PART B.

2. PART-A HAS TWO SECTIONS. ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 1 (20 MARKS) AND ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 2 (15 MARKS).

3. PART-B HAS TWO SECTIONS. ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 1 (20 MARKS) AND ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 2 (15 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.

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

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Part A

Section 1: Answer one question from this section. 20 Marks

1. What role does 'imagination' play in history-writing?

2. How does 'evidence' left behind from the past acquire reliability for a historian who is writing about the past?

Section 2: Answer one question from this section. 15 Marks

1. If there are multiples causes for an event, how do you determine what is significant and what is not?

2. 'All good history is comparative history'. Discuss.

Part B

Section 1: Answer one question from this section. 20 Marks

1. How is the epoch of 'ancient Indian history' different from the epoch of 'early medieval Indian history'?

2. What are the critiques that have been made of a Mughal-centric interpretation of medieval Indian history?

3. How did the various Marxist historians interpret the history of modern India?

Section 2: Answer one question from this section. 15 Marks

1. What were the significant scientific achievements of ancient India?

2. What strengths/weaknesses did the medieval Indian states enjoy/suffer vis-à-vis the European trading companies that began to arrive in India from the start of the seventeenth century?

3. Was India always poor, or did it become impoverished because of colonial rule?