

**2017**

**M.A.**

**Part-I Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—I**

*Full Marks : 100*

*Time : 4 Hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**Answer any six questions.**

**[Questions are of equal value]**

- 1.** Do you agree with the view that interpretation of facts of history is more important than the mere description of those facts?
- 2.** Evaluate the contributions of Leopold Von Ranke to the writing of history. Do you think that his philosophy of history is full of contradictions?
- 3.** Discuss Neibuhr's use of critical method in the study of history.

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4. Discuss the contribution of Lord Acton to the development of historical thought.
5. Make a critical estimate of Arnold Toynbee's approach to the study of history.
6. How did Kalhana enrich the historical writings of ancient India?
7. Was Minhajuddin Siraj more a chronicler than a historian?
8. Review the principal features of Indian historiography during the Sultanate Period.
9. Critically analyse the historical writings of Abul Fazl.
10. Discuss in detail Jadunath Sarkar's methods on history writing.
11. Discuss the importance of R.C. Dutt's historical writing in the development of this discipline in India.
12. Discuss Surendranath Sen's Concept of history as reflected in his writings. Was he inspired by nationalistic ideals?