

2012

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.

1. Discuss the nature of history with the help of various definitions given by historians in the 19th and 20th centuries. 12
2. Do you think that interpretation of events is inseparably associated with the scientific exposition of history?
3. Did ancient India have a sense of history? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Evaluate the contributions of Leopold Von Ranke and Berthold George Niebuhr to European historiography. 12

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5. Indicate the major features of Karl Marx's philosophy of history. How did it enrich the growth of scientific materialist school of historical writing? //
6. Evaluate Arnold Toynbee's ideas on world civilizations. //
7. Describe the chief characteristics of Indian historiography during the Sultanate period.
8. Write a critical note on Mughal historical literature.
9. Form an estimate of Lord Acton as a historian.
10. Discuss critically the contributions of Rakhaldas Bandyopadhyay in the field of archaeology. //
11. Show how nationalist historians argued that there was a drain of wealth from India under British rule. 10
12. Compare the ideas and methods of Sir Jadunath Sarkar and Surendranath Sen on their respective approaches to Indian history.