

2014

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. With reference to the ideas of R. G. Colingwood discuss the definition of history, the object of history, and the purpose of history. 16
2. Why does Croce describe all history as 'contemporary history'? 16
3. Is History a science? Discuss Bury's comment "History is a science, no less and no more" in this context. 16
4. Assess the importance of E. H. Carr as a historian of the twentieth century. 16

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5. Did ancient Indians entirely lack a sense of history? 16
6. Why is G. M. Trevelyan regarded as a pioneer in the writing of social history. 16
7. To what extent was the scholarship of Mikhajuddin Siraj and Ziunddin Borani influenced by Perso-Arabic historiography. 16
8. What were the liberal and modernist features of Abul Fazl's hagiographic work, Akbar nama? 16
9. Discuss the major aspects of Sandhyakar Nandi's historical writings. 16
10. Examine the contributions made by Jadunath Sarkar and Surendranath Sen in the writing of history of 17th century India. 16
11. Did Rakhaldas Bandopadhyay reflect a nationalist spirit in writing about the history of ancient India? 16
12. Evaluate the position of W. W. Hunter in the tradition of colonial historiography of India. 16