

SECOND SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2014

(UG-CCSS)

Core Course—History

HY 2B 02/HD 2B 02—METHODOLOGY OF HISTORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A (Objective Type Questions)

*Answer all **twelve** questions.
Each question carries $\frac{1}{4}$ weightage.*

Choose the correct answer :

the architect of the Great Men Theory in history :

- (a) Herodotus. (b) Carlyle.
(c) E.H. Carr. (d) Lord Acton.

he author of "The New Nature of History".

- (a) R.G. Collingwood. (b) G.R. Elton.
(c) Arthur Marwick. (d) Aristotle.

3 The science dealing with the study of inscriptions :

- (a) Epigraphy. (b) Archaeology.
(c) Anthropology. (d) Numismatics.

4. The first step in research :

- (a) Generalisation. (b) Exposition.
(c) Synthesis of facts. (d) Selection of a problem.

Fill in the blanks :

5. The word History is derived from the _____ word Istoría which means research or enquiry.

- (a) Greek. (b) Roman.
(c) German. (d) French.

_____ is the study of coins.

- (a) Anthropology. (b) Numismatics.
(c) Palaeography. (d) Sigillography.

7. _____ is a list of readings on any given subject.
- (a) Footnote. (b) Appendix.
(c) Bibliography. (d) Hypothesis.
8. The book "The practice of History" is authored by :
- (a) B. Sheik Ali. (b) Joseph Gibaldi.
(c) L. Gottschalk. (d) G.R. Elton.

Write True or False :

9. Data are facts, figures and other relevant materials, past and present and analysis.
10. A reserach project is formal statement of the reserach process and its results.
11. The term subaltern was first given wide currency by Antonio Gramsci, and Italian communist thinker and writer.
12. Footnotes make documentation unscientific.

(12 x $\frac{1}{4}$ = 3 weightage)

Section B

*Answer all the **nine** questions.
Each question carries 1 weightage.*

13. Subject matter of History.
14. Historical method.
15. Hypothesis.
16. Constructive reasoning.
17. Generalisation.
18. Archaeology.
19. Historical fallacy.
20. Heuristics.
21. Archives.

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

Section C (Short essays)

*Answer any **five** of the following.
Each question carries 2 weightage.*

22. Explain the meaning and nature of history.
23. What is Historical objectivity ? Mention the hindrances in achieving it.
24. List the sources for writing local history.
25. What are the items that form bibliography ?
26. Explain why footnotes are necessary in Historical Research.
27. Write a note on computer and gathering of historical facts.
28. Mention the prerequisites for preparing a model/research paper in History.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

Section D

*Answer any **two** of the essays.
Each question carries 4 weightage.*

29. Bring out the importance of external criticism and internal criticism in historical research.
30. What is research ? How do you choose a topic for research ? Mention the principle involved in the process.
31. Give an account of the different stages involved in writing a thesis.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)