(Introduction to History)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer all questions

1. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence each: 1×10=10

(a) What is the central theme of 'positivist' history?

(b) Why do you think 'objectivity' is unattainable in history?

(c) What is social history?

(d) How is history related to archaeology?

(e) Who is known as the father of scientific history?
(f) Name one of the early orientalists.

(g) Who is the author of *History of Sanskrit Literature*?

(h) State one reason why ‘interdisciplinarity’ is considered important by the historians today.

(i) To which school of thought does E. H. Carr belong?

(j) Who is the initiator of ‘subaltern history’ project in India?

2. Answer the following in brief:  

(a) "All history is contemporary history." Who said this and why?

(b) Bring out the essential difference between ‘primary source’ and ‘secondary source’.

(c) What role does geography play in giving shape to the history of a particular region?

(d) State two limitations of Greek historical method.

(e) What do you think is the ideology behind all forms of orientalist studies?

3. Write short notes on any four of the following:  

(a) Historical facts

(b) Political history

(c) Relation of history with sociology or political science

(d) Characteristics of Graeco-Roman historiography

(e) Chinese historiography

(f) Alberuni’s account of India

4. Answer any four of the following:  

(a) According to E. H. Carr, the facts speak only when the historian calls on them. Elucidate.

(b) Put forward your arguments on the view that social history is not a branch of history but a way of doing any kind of history.

(c) Define the term ‘history’. Bring out the essential differences between ‘history’ and ‘the past’.

(d) Write a note on either of the following:  

(i) Relation of history with philosophy

(ii) Relation of history with literature

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(e) Bring out the salient features of medieval Indian historiography with reference to any literary work of medieval India.

(f) To what extent does economic history of a region give shape to the history of the region? Can economic history be segregated from political history?

(g) Make a critical assessment of Rankean method of writing history.

(h) Assess the contribution of the colonial historians of modern Indian history.