

M.A. 4th Semester Examination, June -2024**Subject: History****Course Code: HST4.01****Course Title: Western Historiographical Traditions**

Full Marks: 60

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

All questions carry equal marks

1. (a) Discuss the challenges faced by historians while analyzing primary sources. 12

Or

- (b) What do you understand by the term Internal Criticism? Explain the role of Internal Criticism in assessing the reliability of historical evidences. 2 + 10 = 12

2. (a) Describe the contribution of Livy and Tacitus towards Roman Historiography. 12

Or

- (b) Discuss the features of Greek historiography. 12

3. (a) Discuss the importance of Humanism in Historiography with special reference to the contributions made by Niccolo Machiavelli. 12

Or

- (b) How scientific revolution ignited the flame of curiosity forever changing the course of humanity? Discuss the contribution of Rene Descartes and Vico towards scientific revolution. 6 + 6 = 12

4. (a) What is Idealism? Discuss the contribution of Hegel towards history writing. 2+ 10 =12

Or

- (b) what are the main works of Ranke? Briefly discuss the main features of Rankean School of historiography. 4 + 8 = 12

5. (a) What do you mean by total history? Discuss the contribution of Marc Bloch towards Annals school of historiography. 4 + 8 = 12

Or

- (b) Briefly discuss the contribution of Oswald Spengler and Arnold Toynbee to German historiography. 12
