

M.A.3rd Semester Examination, December -2023

History

HST3.01: Indian Historiographical Traditions

Full Marks: 60

Time Allowed: 3 hours

All questions carry equal marks

1. (a) What are the Puranas, and how have they contributed to our understanding of ancient Indian history? 12

Or

(b) Why is Kalhana's Rajatarangini important in the context of ancient Indian history, and what sets it apart from other historical texts? 12

2. (a) Discuss the historical significance of Badauni's work 'Muntakhab-ul-Tawarikh'. 12

Or

(b) What are the major literary contributions of Abul Fazal? How did his literary works contribute to our understanding of Mughal political and administrative history? 2+10=12

3. (a) Discuss the characteristics of Colonial Historiography with reference to Vincent Smith and W.W. Hunter 12

Or

(b) Illustrate the influences behind the Indological quest and highlight the early Indological efforts. 12

4. (a) Write a note on Marxist Historiography and discuss its significance. 12

Or

(b) Illustrate the contributions of Romesh Chandra Dutt and Jadunath Sarkar to Ancient Indian Historiography. 6+6=12

5. (a) Do you consider Edward Gait as the first rational-positivist historian of medieval Assam? State your reasons. 12

Or

- (b) Briefly discuss the contributions of S.K. Bhuyan in the medieval historiography of Assam. 12
