

M.A. Part-I Examination, 2013

HISTORY

PAPER—I

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 hours

Answer any six questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

1. How History has been defined by historians ? 16
2. How did historians differ in their opinions of facts and interpretations. Review the various views among historians with regard to the importance of facts and interpretations in writing history. 16
3. Discuss Neibuhr's use of critical method in the study of history. 16

4. Critically discuss the major characteristics of Rankean History. Is unbiased objective history writing possible ? 16
5. Analyse Arnold Toynbee's views on the origin, growth and decline of civilization. What are his limitations in historical thinking ? 16
6. Analyse the nature of ancient Indian history writing. 16
7. Indicate the importance of the 'Rajatarangini' by Kalhana and the 'Harshacharita' written by Banabhatta as historical works. 16
8. Form a critical estimate of Minhaj-uddin Siraj as a historian. How far *Tabaqat-i-Nasiri* is an important document of history of the Sultanate period ? 12 + 4
9. Critically discuss Abu-l-Fazl as a historian of early Mughal period. Did he write *Akbarnamah* impartially ? 12 + 4

10. Make an assessment of Ziauddin Barni/(Barani) as a historian. 16
11. Analyse the major historical works of Rakhaldas Bandyopadhyay. 16
12. What are the distinctive historical views of Surendranath Sen for writing Indian history ? 16