

2024

( CBCS )

( 5th Semester )

**HISTORY**

SIXTH PAPER

( **Historiography** )

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. "History is an unending dialogue between the present and the past." Who said this?

(a) Oswald Spengler ( )  
(b) R. G. Collingwood ( )  
(c) E. H. Carr ( )  
(d) Carlton Hayes ( )

2. Who is called the 'father of history'?

(a) Thucydides ( )  
(b) Herodotus ( )  
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(d) Livy ( )

3. Causation in history necessarily involves

(a) archival works ( )  
(b) historical sequences ( )  
(c) space and time ( )  
(d) value judgements ( )

4. A place where a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution or group of people are kept is called
- (a) museum ( )
  - (b) archives ( )
  - (c) library ( )
  - (d) storehouse ( )
5. Roman historiography owes its origin to
- (a) Greek influence ( )
  - (b) Persian influence ( )
  - (c) Chinese influence ( )
  - (d) Indian influence ( )
6. The only truly historical work produced in ancient India was
- (a) *Rajatarangini* by Kalhana ( )
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  - (c) *Arthashastra* by Kautilya ( )
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7. The first historian who used the AD chronology in the writing of history was
- (a) Meister Eckhart ( )
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8. The positivist philosophy of history writing was enunciated by
- (a) John Locke ( )
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9. Who divided Indian history into the Hindu, Muslim and British periods?
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10. Who authored the book, *India Today* that could be seen as a foundational text of Marxist thinking on Indian history?

- (a) R. P. Dutt ( )
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**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS )**

( Marks : 15 )

Answer the following :

3×5=15

**UNIT—I**

1. Write a short note on the relationship between History and Literature.

**OR**

2. What is economic history?

**UNIT—II**

3. What do you mean by oral tradition?

**OR**

4. How do we use photograph to reconstruct past events?

**UNIT—III**

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**UNIT—IV**

7. Who was Leopold von Ranke?

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8. Write a note on *The Communist Manifesto*.

**UNIT—V**

9. What do you know about the Subaltern studies?

**OR**

10. Who is Romila Thapar?

**( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )**

( Marks : 50 )

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**OR**

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**UNIT—II**

3. What do you mean by generalization in history? What role does it play in historical research?

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4. Explain objectivity in history. Is objectivity possible in history writing?

**UNIT—III**

5. Make an assessment on the nature and characteristics of the Roman historiography.

**OR**

6. Give an account of Chinese historiography.

**UNIT—IV**

7. Discuss the Marxist historiography.

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8. Write an essay on the Annales school of historiography.

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