

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2015**M.Phil. (History)****Time: 2 hours****Max. Marks: 75****Hall Ticket Number:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts (Part-A and Part-B)
 2. Part 'A' has two sections. Section-1 is major essay and Section-2 is short essay.
 3. Part 'B' consists of concepts and should be answered on separate sheet.
 4. Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items.
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Part-A**Section-I Marks 30**

Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 500 words.

1. Write an essay on ideology and history writing.
2. What role does interpretation play in the writing of history?

Section-II Marks 2x 15 = 30

Write short essays of 200 words each on TWO of the following questions. Each Question carries 15 marks.

1. Discuss the economic basis of the Harappa civilization
2. Discuss the origin and chief characteristics of caste in early India.
3. Critically analyse the reasons for the origin of Buddhism and Jainism during the sixth century BC.
4. Write a brief note on the rise of bhakti movement in medieval India. Do you see any link between the socio-economic conditions and the religious movements?
5. Was the eighteenth century a period of decline and stagnation in India? Discuss critically.
6. Was the Decline of Mughals laid down in its inception itself-Elucidate
7. How did the post-1857 British Colonial state reorganize the Indian polity?
8. Do you think nationalists neglected the issue of social reform as part of the national movement?
9. Commercialisation of agriculture was boon to the rich peasantry under colonial rule-Discuss

Part B (Marks 5 x 3 = 15)

Concepts – write brief notes on any FIVE of the following. Each note should not exceed 50 words.

1. Kaliyuga
2. Orientalism
3. Sreni
4. Nagaram
5. Buranjis
6. Iqtas
7. Historical materialism
8. Power
9. Liberalism
10. Economic nationalism