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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2017

MPhil (History)

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

HALL TICKET NUMBER _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO PARTS (**Part-A** and **Part-B**)
2. PART - A HAS FOUR QUESTIONS, OUT OF WHICH TWO SHOULD BE ANSWERED. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS
3. PART - B HAS SIX QUESTIONS, OUT WHICH TWO SHOULD BE ANSWERED. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS
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

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO (2) PAGES INCLUDING THE FRONT PAGE

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Part - A

1. What is scientific about history?
2. How is it that the same set of facts can lend themselves to variable interpretations?
3. Is objectivity a desirable goal in history writing?
4. In what way can the historian's background influence the history that he/she is writing?

Part - B

1. Analyse the differences and similarities between the Indus Valley culture and the Vedic culture.
2. Describe the socio-economic life in Ancient India as depicted in *Arthashastra* and *Indica*.
3. How feudal was Indian feudalism? Relate your answer to the historiographical perspectives on feudalism in India.
4. In what way Akbar's *Mansabdari* system had been a salient feature of a centralized empire?
5. What difference did Gandhi's intervention make to the politics of Indian nationalism?
6. To what extent were the social and religious reform movements of the 19th century inspired by Western ideological influences?