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B.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026
Fifth Semester
B.A History
B21HS06DE – Trends in Historical Thought and Writing
(2023 January Admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Name the Greek historian who wrote 'The Peloponnesian War'?
2. Who wrote 'Records of the Grand Historian in ancient China'?
3. Who is considered as the father of Arab historiography?
4. Which religion's texts include early forms of Indian historical writings such as Kalpas and Agamas?
5. Name any Mughal-era official chronicle writer.
6. Name the founder of Positivism.
7. Who proposed the theory of 'Rise and fall of civilizations'?
8. Name the movement that focused on emotion and imagination in historical writing.
9. Name the historian who wrote 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire'.
10. Whose ideas form the basis of Historical Materialism?
11. Name the founders of the Annales School of Thought.
12. Which British historian pioneered "History from Below"?
13. Name the scholar who founded the Asiatic Society of Bengal?
14. Who introduced the concept of structural linguistics?
15. Name the book Written by Max Weber.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Write a note on Herodotus.
17. How did Thucydides differ from Herodotus?

18. What are the main ideas introduced by Ibn Khaldun in Muqaddimah?
19. What is the importance of Rajatarangini in ancient Indian historiography?
20. Explain the concept of Positivism.
21. What is Arnold Toynbee's theory of the rise and fall of civilizations?
22. What is meant by Enlightenment in historical writing?
23. Write a note on 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire' by Edward Gibbon.
24. What is structuralism? Mention one scholar associated with it.
25. Write a note about the Annales School.
26. Explain the contributions of William Jones to Indology.
27. What is the central idea of Subaltern Studies?
28. What is meant by "Quasi-history"? Give one example.
29. Explain the Hegelian Concept of Dialectics.
30. What are the basic principles of Historical Materialism?

(2X10=20)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

31. Explain the features of Greco-Roman Historiography.
32. Write a note on the historical elements found in Buddhist and Jain traditions.
33. Explain the contributions of Ramachandra Guha to modern Indian historiography.
34. Compare the approaches of R.G. Bhandarkar and D.D.Kosambi in interpreting Indian history.
35. Write a note on Nationalist Historians of India.
36. What is meant by Imperialist historiography?
37. Explain Ferdinand de Saussure's linguistic theory.
38. Briefly explain Vico's theory of cyclical nature of history.
39. Write a paragraph on Ranke's concept of Objectivity in historical writing.
40. What is meant by Cultural history?

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

41. Discuss the Marxian ideology of history.
42. Discuss the contributions of Annales School of Thought.
43. Analyse how the Renaissance and Enlightenment reshaped historical writing.
44. Discuss the contribution of Auguste Comte in Positivist historiography.

(10X2=20)