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B.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026

Fifth Semester

B.A History

B21HS02SE – Doing Oral History

(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. Mention any two kinds of Oral traditions.
2. Where is the international Oral History Association established?
3. Explain Holocaust.
4. Name the institution in Kerala, which had a project on oral history of Kerala freedom fighters.
5. Who were the pioneers in the study of collective memory?
6. Define oral history.
7. Explain the concept subjectivity.
8. Define biography.
9. Name any two automated transcriptional tools used by oral history researchers.
10. What do you mean by the term orality?
11. Expand SPARROW.
12. What is *situated knowledge*?
13. What is trauma studies?
14. What does People's history prioritize?
15. Who were Griots?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Discuss the importance of folktales in oral traditions.
17. What are the elements included in the oral history?
18. Explain the relation between Anthropology and Ethnography with oral history.

19. Mention any three methods, which makes oral history and life history more accessible to public.
20. What is contextualization in an oral history interview?
21. Explain how legends and myths became a part of oral traditions.
22. What are the main classification of oral traditions by Jan Vansina?
23. Discuss the relevance of *Event Metaphor and Memory: Chauri Chaura 1922-92* in oral history and history of India's freedom struggle.
24. Explain how history and memory studies are related.
25. What are the primary goal of oral history archives?
26. How does oral history differ from written history in method and purpose?
27. Explain how oral traditions preserve history in non-literate communities.
28. How does oral history help to preserve the experiences of marginalized communities?
29. Examine the aims and objectives of SPARROW.
30. Name the project which recorded the memory of Second World War in Pennsylvania.

(2X10=20)

Section C

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

31. Explain the concept of *social memory* of Peter Burke.
32. Write the preservation and archiving method of an oral history interview.
33. In what ways does oral history benefits from a multidisciplinary approach?
34. How does oral testimony reveal regional variations in India's struggle for independence.
35. What challenges arise when historians rely on personal recollections to study the post-World War II era?
36. How does oral history contribute to reconstructing family histories across generations?
37. Explain how digital advancement transformed the oral history interviews.
38. Discuss the virtual interviews in oral history.
39. Discuss how collective memory depends on physical and symbolic spaces.
40. Explain how the subjective and emotional dimensions of oral testimonies contribute to the understanding of the past.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

41. Assess the role of oral history in the study of India's freedom struggle.
42. Examine the relevance of interviews in oral history.
43. Critically analyze the advantages of digital sources in oral history.
44. Assess the relevance of oral history in contemporary social science research.

(10X2=20)