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**Entrance Test for
Ph.D. (HISTORY) Programme - 2016**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt two questions from Part 'A' and two questions from Part 'B'. In all you have to answer 4 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

PART - A

Answer **any two** questions in around 500 words each.

1. Differentiate between the Primary and Secondary Sources as tools of research. Answer with examples. 25
2. Write an essay on the approach of the Subaltern studies group of historians. 25

OR

What do you understand by Colonial Historiography ?

3. "History is not just a study of the past." Critically evaluate this statement. 25
4. What do you understand by field - work in historical research ? Elaborate your answer by suitable examples. 25

PART - B

Answer **any two** questions in about 500 words each.

5. Briefly discuss the material characteristics of the important centres of Harappan Civilisation. 25

OR

Critically examine the growth of the *Iqta* system during the Sultanate period. To what extent did it contribute to the decline of the Delhi sultanate ?

OR

Do you agree that the Revolt of 1857 was the first war of Indian independence ? Justify your answer.

6. Write a note on the expansion of trade and urban centres in Peninsular India between 200 BCE - 300 AD. 25

OR

Critically examine the Mansab system. What changes were introduced in it after the rule of Akbar ?

OR

Explain the concept of 'de-industrialisation'. How did it affect the growth of Indian economy during the colonial period ?

7. Explain the process of changes in society in the Post-Gupta Period. 25

OR

Discuss the main characteristics of the *hayankara* and *ayagar* system.

OR

Discuss the ideas of two intellectuals in nineteenth century India who struggled for the improvement of the position of women in society.

8. Discuss the nature of early state formation in the Deccan. 25

OR

'The eighteenth century was a century of decline.' Comment.

OR

Explain the Gandhian idea of Satyagraha. What role did it play in Indian national movement ?
