

**Ph.D. IN HISTORY (PHDHIS)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2017**

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**RHI-103 : STUDY OF SOURCE MATERIAL**

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

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**Note :** Attempt any **three** questions in about 500 words each. Question no. 5 is **compulsory**. Questions no. 1 to 4 are of 15 marks each, while question no. 5 is of 20 marks.

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1. What is a Primary Source ? What aspects does a researcher need to keep in mind while checking the authenticity of a source ? 15
  
2. Critically examine various dating techniques used by archaeologists to assign a date to an artefact. 15

3. Analyse the creation of colonial archives in light of the works of Orientalists and Utilitarians. 15
4. How would you interpret maps, photographs and other illustrations ? Discuss their relevance as sources of history. 15
5. Critically examine the importance of Epigraphy in the light of any inscription of your choice. 20

**OR**

Examine the significance of Abul Fazl's *Ain-i-Akbari* as an important source to understand Akbar's administrative actions. 20

**OR**

Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of British settlement reports as a source of history. 20

