

TERM END EXAMINATIONS
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD HIS)
RESHIST-01 : HISTORICAL METHOD AND HISTORIOGRAPHICAL ISSUES
JUNE, 2014 EXAMINATION

TIME: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

NOTE: Answer any *four* questions in about 600 words *each*. All questions carry *equal* marks. Marks are indicated against each question.

1. What do you understand by the term 'fact' in history? Discuss the relationship between fact and interpretation. 25
2. Write a note on the *Annales* school of historiography. 25
3. What do you understand by generalization? Write a brief note on its role in history writing. 25
4. Write a note on the basic constituents of communalist view of Indian history. 25
5. Discuss the relationship between postmodernism and history. 25
6. Give a critical analysis of the various phases in the development of *subaltern studies* in India. 25
7. What are the main features of Marxist historiography? Discuss the works of some Marxist social historians. 25
8. Write short notes on any *two* of the following in about 300 words each: 12.5+12.5
 - a) Oral history
 - b) Ranke's contribution to historiography
 - c) Cambridge School on Indian nationalism
 - d) Auguste Comte and Positivism