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**Ph.D. IN HISTORY  
(PHDHIS)  
Term-End Examination  
June, 2016**

**RESHIST-001 : HISTORICAL METHOD AND  
HISTORIOGRAPHICAL ISSUES**

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

- Note :** (i) *Answer any four questions in about 600 words each.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. What is objectivity ? Discuss with examples the possibility of achieving objectivity in history writing. 25
2. What is postmodernism ? Discuss the main points of its critique of history. 25
3. Examine the important trends in the writing of history from below in the context of India. 25
4. What is causation ? How do historians establish causality in explaining a phenomenon ? 25
5. Write a note on the *Annales* school of historiography. 25
6. Discuss the various trends in the Marxist historiography in the west. 25

7. What is colonial historiography ? Discuss the writings of three important historians related to this trend. 25
8. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in about **300** words each :  $12\frac{1}{2}+12\frac{1}{2}$
- (a) Primary and secondary sources
  - (b) The Cambridge school
  - (c) Role of Generalisation in history writing
  - (d) D.D. Kosambi
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