

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2012.

Ph.D (History)

TIME : 2 Hours.

Max. Marks : 100

HALL TICKET NUMBER _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts(Part A and Part B).
 2. Part "A" has two sections. Section -1 is major essay and Section- 2 is short essays.
 3. Part "B" consists of concepts and should be answered on separate sheet.
 4. Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items.
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PhD Entrance History 2012

Part A- Section 1

Marks 30

Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in about 500 words.

1. Discuss the importance of epigraphical evidence in reconstructing history.
2. Did ideological change and social change go hand in hand during the Vedic age?
Discuss.
3. Examine the contributions of women to Bhaktas in medieval society.
4. What are the linkages between patronage and production of art? Argue with references to examples from any style in medieval India.
5. What are the important differences between imperialist historiography and nationalist historiography of modern India?
6. How did caste transform its character in the Indian society as a result of the impact of colonial rule?

Part A – Section 2

Marks 2 x 15 = 30

Write short essay of 200 words each on **TWO** of the following questions.
Each question carries 15 marks.

1. Examine the causes for the rise of heterodox sects during the sixth century B.C.
2. Discuss the evolution of the various Puranic sects and their textual basis.
3. Discuss the nature of the South Indian States between the 17th and 18th centuries.
Can it be called 'segmentary state'?
4. Did the arrival of Vasco da Gama in 1498 mark the beginnings of European epoch in the Indian History?
5. In what ways did Hinduism modernize since the nineteenth century?
6. What is the so-called 'deindustrialization' debate?

Part B**Marks 10 x 4 = 40****Concepts**

**Write brief notes on any TEN of the following.
Each note should not exceed 25 words.**

Hexahedron

Amalaka

Devadana

Vratya Kshatriyas

Mleccha

Pagoda

Khillat Benami Jagirs

Kanqah

Vajrayana

Taslim

Karkhana

Oriental despotism

Dravidian debate

Historicism

Class

Humanism

Materialism

Genealogy

Radical Feminism

Middle class