

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2013

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 essay.
 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 uprinted torn or missing pages or items.
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Part A – Section 1

Marks 30

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

1. To what extent did the rise of Sramanic sects challenge Brahmanical orthodoxy? Discuss their lasting impact on Indian society.
2. Elaborate on the notion of 'History' in early India? How is this different from the modern notions of the discipline?
3. Critically comment on the 'urban revolution' hypothesis in medieval northern India in the light of recent writings.
4. Periodization is a construct that has only limited relevance. Discuss the statement in relation to the question of 'medieval' in Indian history.
5. What are the parameters of "modernity" and "tradition"? How did these concepts feed into indigenous identities taking shape under the influence of western ideas and colonial policies?
6. What is a 'mass' movement? Critically analyse the Gandhian position on the participation of the masses in the national movement.

Part A – Section 2

Marks 2 x 15 = 30

Write short essays of 200 words each on TWO of the following questions.

1. What are the debates around the decipherment of the Indus valley script?
2. Did 'Feudalism' in India begin around 300 CE as postulated by R.S. Sharma? Analyse.
3. Describe the nature of urban life during the Gupta age.
4. Critically assess the Deccan policy of Aurangzeb.
5. How did the bhakti saints subvert the dominant order and to what extent were they successful.
6. Discuss the religious policy of Akbar.
7. Why did the colonial government develop electoral politics? Which communities were targeted and why? How did these communities begin to articulate their political demands?
8. What were the ideologies deployed by the colonial government in order to control India? Critically develop two such ideologies by which the British justified their rule in India.

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

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

Asiatic Mode of Production
Rajadharma
Sabha
Vajrayana
Vanaprastha
Jataka
Nishka
Euological
Iqta
Jihad
Madad-i-Masah
Mansab
Ur
Mahanavami
Murid
Nirguna
Revolutionary terrorism
Public and the private
Elite and colloquial languages
Nations and nationalisms
Poona Pact
Ahimsa and Non-violence
Caste/Class continuum
Feminism