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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2012

M.Phil./Ph.D.

HISTORICAL STUDIES

[ Field of Study Code—Ancient : ANCP (139)/  
Medieval : MEDP (138)/Modern : MODP (137) ]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

- Note :** (i) Candidates must indicate their preferred choice of admission, e.g., Ancient, Medieval or Modern on their answer-book's cover-sheet in bold letters.
- (ii) Answer *any one* question from Section-I (which carries 20 marks) and *any two* questions from your stated area of specialization (each carries 25 marks).

SECTION—I

1. Is one logical viewpoint as valid as another? Discuss with examples.
2. To what extent do you think it is appropriate to classify history as a social science?
3. Would you agree that a history of women is identical with a history of gender relations? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Is it necessary to believe in God in order to write a history of religions?
5. Can there be a social history of the body? Discuss with illustrations.
6. "The search for historical causes is futile." Comment.

SECTION—II

( **Ancient India** )

7. What is the difference between political history and a history of the State? Illustrate with an example of your choice.
8. In what ways have archaeological discoveries, analyses and interpretations impacted on our understanding of early Indian history over the last two decades?
9. What, according to you, are the best sources for reconstructing histories of religion?

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10. Discuss the extent to which changing trade relations influenced historical developments in *either* early or early medieval India.
11. To what extent can the varna-jati system be regarded as the dominant social formation in early India?

### SECTION—III

#### ( **Medieval India** )

12. How far were religious processes/institutions involved in state-building during the medieval period?
13. To what extent does the study of maritime history complement the understanding of political processes during the period?
14. Do you think that the historiography of medieval India has changed during the last three decades? Discuss with examples.
15. Compare the administrative systems of the Deccani Sultanates with that of the Vijayanagara Empire. What led to the conflict between the two?
16. How important was the image of kingship in consolidating the power of the Mughals?

### SECTION—IV

#### ( **Modern India** )

17. "New regional histories have complicated our understanding of nationalism." Discuss.
18. What are the potentials and problems of using autobiographies as a source for reconstructing modern Indian history?
19. To what extent do you think that contests over law were different in the 19th century in comparison to the 20th century?
20. What impact does feminist historiography have on our understanding of 19th century social reform?
21. What are some of the new themes that have been thrown up by studies of population mobility in Indian history?

