

THEORY OF HISTORY AND METHODS OF  
RESEARCH

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Give the various definitions of History.
2. Examine the uses of History.
3. Give an account of the Marxian interpretation of History.
4. What is meant by Historicism? Explain.
5. Estimate the contribution of the Annels School to the development of historical studies.
6. What are the factors that are to be taken into account while selecting a topic for research?
7. Discuss the importance of Primary Sources in historical research

8. Bring out the importance of Documentation in Historical research.
  9. What is meant by Internal Criticism? Explain.
  10. Discuss the importance of Ballads and Folklore in historical research.
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Paper II – ARCHIVES KEEPING

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Trace the history of archives keeping in medieval India.
2. Give an account of the organisation of Archives.
3. Describe the record room specifications.
4. Bring out the importance of computers in archival administration.
5. Write an essay on the private papers available in the National Archives of India.
6. Give an account of the methods that are followed in the preservation of water soaked records.
7. Estimate the contribution of Dr. B.S.Baliga for the development of the Tamil Nadu State Archives.
8. Narrate the uses of Archives from the point of view of the Research scholars.

9. Describe the rules and regulations governing access to archives located in France.
  10. Narrate the functions of the Indian Historical Records Commission.
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Maximum : 100 marks

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(5 × 20 = 100)

1. Describe the salient features of the Indian culture.
2. Sketch the social life of the people of the Vedic Age.
3. Narrate the teachings of Buddha.
4. Assess the contribution of the Maurya's to Art and Architecture.
5. Examine the salient features of the Guptan Art.
6. Sketch the religious condition that prevailed in India during the 9th century A.D.
7. Analyse the salient features of the Art and Architecture during the Delhi Sultanate period.

8. Bringout the contribution of the Cholas to Temple Architecture.
  9. Give an account of the economic condition that prevailed during the Mughal period.
  10. Estimate the work of Arya Samaj.
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