

Paper I — THEORY OF HISTORY AND METHOD OF
RESEARCH
(Held in April 2010)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write the various definitions and scope of history.
2. Examine the relationship of History with other social sciences.
3. 'History is more misused and abused than property used' – Discuss.
4. Assess the role of individuals and ideas in historical causation.
5. Evaluate the theological interpretation of the Philosophy of History.
6. Critically analyse the Marxian interpretation of History.
7. Describe the development and essentials of Historical methods.

8. "The historical architect must quarry his over stones and build with his over hands" – Examine.
 9. Illustrate the process of heuristic method in research.
 10. Analyse the various steps in conducting of Research report.
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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. Analyse the origin and development of Archives in ancient and Medieval Europe.
2. Assess the significance of Archives Creation.
3. Examine the organization of Indian Archives.
4. Explain the modern techniques adopting for preserving records.
5. Describe the various principles adopted in administering archives.
6. Evaluate the uses of archives for historical research.
7. Discuss the pre-muting and post-muting records available in the Indian National Archives.

8. Examine the growth and development of Tamilnadu State Archives.
 9. Assess the rules and regulations followed in the Tamilnadu and National Archives of India.
 10. Explain the difference between Public Archives and private Archives. Illustrate with suitable examples.
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Paper III — SOCIO-CULTURAL HISTORY OF INDIA

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. "The Indian population is the product of an intimate mixture of diverse race" – Explain.
2. Give an account of the six orthodox schools of Hindu Philosophy.
3. Write an essay on the socio-economic and religious conditions of India under the Guptas.
4. Throw light on the art heritage of the Rajputs.
5. Sketch the salient features of Bhakti Movement in the Medieval South India.
6. Assess the socio-religious and economic conditions of Tamilnadu under the Imperial Cholas.
7. Bring out the role played by Sikhs in shaping Indian Society.

8. Explain the contribution of Mughals to Literature and painting.
9. Trace the social ideology of Periyar E.V. Ramasamy.
10. Highlight the cultural influence of India on South East Asian Countries.