

# **HISTORY**

## **MPhil/Ph.D: Historiography**

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

M. Marks: 50

Pass Marks: 20

Instructions for paper setter/examiners:

The question paper will consist of five sections A, B, C, D and E. Section A, B, C, and D will have two questions from respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. Section E will consist of 5 short answer type questions, which will cover the entire syllabus uniformly and will carry 20 marks in all.

### **Unit I**

History and Historiography, Preconditions of Historiography, Historical Evidence: Types of Sources, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary, Value and Subject Matter of History,

Preliminary Operations in Research, Analytical and Synthetic Operations in History Writing, Problem of Authenticity of Sources, External Criticism of Sources (Heuristics), Internal Criticism of Sources (Hermeneutics)

### **Unit II**

Indian Nationalist Historiography, Meaning, Nature and Content, Critical Assessment of Indian Nationalist Historiography

Regional History with special reference to Punjab: The Concept of the Regional History, How and Why it is important, History of Punjab in the post independence period (1950-2010).

### **Unit III**

Positivism In History: Auguste Comte, Henry Buckle and Karl Marx, Impact of Marxism on Historiography, Post Modernism and History, Foucault's Philosophy of History

Total History: Lucien Febvre, Marc Bloch and the *Annals* School, Antonio Gramsci

## Unit IV

Marxist Interpretations of History: Marxist Ideology in Historical Writings, Marxist Interpretation of the Indian History, D.D. Kosambi, R.S. Sharma, Romila Thapar, Bipan Chandra, Irfan Habib, Sumit Sarkar

Subaltern Studies: The Concept of Subaltern Studies, Its Beginning and Development, Contribution of the Subaltern Historians in Indian Historiography

### Recommended Readings

1. Sheik Ali, B. *History: its theory and method*, Trinity Press, New Delhi, reprint 2014
2. Chandra, Bipin, *Communalism in Modern India*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn., Vikas Publishers, Delhi, 1987.
3. Das, Veena 'Subaltern as Perspective' *Subaltern Studies VI* (ed. Ranjit Guha), Oxford India Paperback, Delhi, 1994, 310-24.
4. Desai, A.R. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, People's Publishing House, Bombay, 1959.
8. Grewal, J.S. *Historical Perspectives on Sikh Identity*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2000.
9. Guha, Ranjit 'On some Aspects of the Historiography of Colonial India', *Subaltern Studies I*, OUP, 1982, 1-8.
10. Guha, Ranjit *An Indian Historiography of India: A nineteenth century agenda and its implications*, K.P. Bagchi & Co., Calcutta.
11. Habib, Irfan *Problems of Marxist Historiography*, *Social Scientist*, 16 (12) December, 1988, 10
13. Hobsawm, Eric J. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780. Programme, Myth, Reality*, Canto, Cambridge, 1992.
14. Kumar, Deepak *Science and the Raj*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1995.
15. Lal, Vinay *The History of History: Politics and Scholarship in Modern India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2003.
16. Majumdar, R.C. *Historiography in Modern India*, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1970.
17. Mukhopadhyaya, Subodh Kumar, *Evolution of Historiography in Modern India, 1900-1960*, K.P. Bagchi & Co., Calcutta, 1981.
18. Phillips, C.H. (Ed.), *Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon*, Oxford University Press, 1961.
19. Prakash, Gyan, *Writing Post-Orientalist Histories of the Third World: Perspectives from Indian Historiography*, in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol.32, No.2 (April 1990), pp.383-408
20. Ray, Bharati (ed) *Different Types of History*, PHISPIC, Vol.XIV, Pt.4, OUP, Delhi.

21. Sarkar, Sumit *Modern India*, Macmillan 1983 (reprint 1984, 1985), Introduction, 4-11.
22. Sarkar, Sumit *Marxian Approaches to the History of Indian Nationalism*, K.P. Bagchi, Delhi, 1990.
23. Sen, S.P. (ed.), *Historians and Historiography in Modern India*, Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1973.
24. Sen, S.P., ed. *Historians and Historiography in Modern India*, Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1973.
25. Thapar, Romila and others, *Communalism and the Writing of Indian History*, NBT, Delhi, 1979.
26. Thapar, Romila, Chandra Bipin and Mukhia Harbans, *Communalism in the Writing of Indian History*, People's Publishing Housing House, Delhi, 1969.
27. Sreedharan, *A Textbook of Historiography 500 BC to AD 2000*, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, reprint 2013.
28. Khushwant Singh, *A History of Sikhs*, OUP, Delhi, reprint 2004.