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**Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**HISTORY**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- 1) Answer **any ten** questions each from Section **A** and **B**.
- 2) Each question carries **5** marks.
- 3) No additional Answer sheets will be provided.
- 4) Candidates should clearly indicate the section, Question number in the answer booklet.

**Section – A**

**Research Methodology**

- I. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Distinguish between Method and Methodology.
2. Assess the criteria for the selection of a Research Problem.
3. Discuss the ethical concerns in historical research.
4. Elucidate the methods of explanation in historical research.
5. Examine the role of review of literature in research.
6. Discuss the method of textual analysis.

7. Describe the process of generalization in historical research.
8. Prepare a research synopsis on a topic of your own choice.
9. Analyse the archival sources for the reconstruction of modern history.
10. "There is no facts in history, only interpretations" – comment.
11. Examine the theoretical and methodological issues in oral history.
12. Asses the importance of visual sources in historical research.
13. Discuss the process of formulation and testing of hypothesis.
14. Analyse the method of hermeneutical criticism of sources.
15. Discuss the methods and styles of citations.

**(10 × 5 = 50 Marks)**

### **Section – B**

#### **History**

- II. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Bring out the importance of Neolithic Revolution in India.
  2. Assess the historical debate on Aryan Problem.
  3. Describe the salient features of Egyptian Civilization.
  4. Examine the importance of anti-caste movements in the social reform process of Kerala.
  5. Describe the characteristics of Christian historiography.
  6. Analyse the influence of Marxian ideologies in the development of modern historiography.
  7. Write a note on Subaltern historiography.

8. "Indian freedom Movement is a Passive Revolution" – Discuss.
9. Assess the role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the framing of Indian Constitution.
10. Critically examine the temple centered social formation in medieval Kerala.
11. Assess the contribution of Neelakanta Sastri to South Indian History.
12. "Gender is a problematic category of historical analysis" – Discuss.
13. Examine the background of the Cold War and assess its effects.
14. Describe the course of Aikya Kerala Movement.
15. Examine the organization of trade guilds and its importance in medieval economy.

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