

18. (a) Point out the relations between Historicism and Relativism.

Or

- (b) Analyse the dialectical materialism of Karl Marx.

19. (a) How do you select a suitable topic for a Historical Research?

Or

- (b) What are the sources to know about the History of Medieval India?

20. (a) State the significance of Exposition.

Or

- (b) What is objectivity? Point out its importance.

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE questions in Essay form.

21. "History is a Half-way house between science and Art" – Discuss.
22. Assess the career and contributions of J.N. Sarkar.
23. What is Historicism? Elucidate its main features.
24. Narrate the need and purpose of Hypothesis.
25. Describe the different stages in the presentation of a Historical Thesis.

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

- I. (A) Choose the correct answer: (5 × 1 = 5)
1. The father of scientific History is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Herodotus (b) Aristotle
- (c) Thucydides (d) Gibbon
2. The author of the book "city of God" is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Titus Livy (b) St. Augustine
- (c) Francis Bacon (d) Ibn Khaldun

3. The term 'Philosophy of History' is coined by \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Voltaire (b) Hegel  
(c) Karl Marx (d) Thomas Carlyle
4. The book 'Dasakumaracharita' was written by \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Kalhana (b) Bilhana  
(c) Dandin (d) Patanjali
5. Which of the following refers to the section that gives extra information at the end of the thesis?
- (a) Index (b) Appendix  
(c) Table (d) Charts
- (B) Fill in the blanks: (5 × 1 = 5)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ defined, 'History is an unending dialogue between the past and the present'.
7. 'The Military History of India' was written by \_\_\_\_\_
8. Historicism and \_\_\_\_\_ are the two sides of the same coin.
9. The author of Tughlaqnama is \_\_\_\_\_
10. the authenticity of the sources is decided by \_\_\_\_\_

- II. Answer ALL questions, each in 50 words:  
(5 × 2 = 10)
11. Meaning of History.
12. K. Rajayyan
13. Meaning of Determinism
14. Ain – i – akbari
15. Bibliography

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b),  
each in 200 words:

16. (a) Discuss the scope and purpose of History.
- Or
- (b) Outline the contributions of Thucydides to Historiography.
17. (a) Trace the contributions of Kalhana to Indian Historiography.
- Or
- (b) Explain the subaltern perspectives of Ranajit Guha.