

## II Year

### Paper VI : HISTORICAL METHOD AND HISTORIOGRAPHY

- I. Definitions and scope of History – uses of history – ancillary disciplines.
- II. Historical facts – sources of information – criticism : internal and external.
- III. Philosophy of history : critical and speculative – explanation in history - Causation – Generalisation - Historical Imagination.
- IV. The problem of historical objectivity – value judgement in history – the commitment of a historian – the abuses of history.
- V. Historiography in the West – The Greco-Roman foundations – The medieval Christian legacy – St. Augustine – the Renaissance.
- VI. The secularization of history – the Enlightenment – Gibbon – Vico and anti-Cartesianism. The Romantic Revival – Hegel.
- VII. Ranke – Empiricism – Marx and Historical Materialism – Historiographical Impact – Later developments.
- VIII. The Annales Tradition – Marc Bloch - Lucien Febvre.
- IX. Psycho history – Quantitative Methods – Post-modernism & Post-structuralism.
- X. Historiography in India – the Itihasapurana tradition – genealogy. History for political legitimation : the *Prasasti* - the historical biography and dynastic chronicles – Bana, Kalhana, Barani and Abul Fazl.
- XI. Orientalist writings – William Jones and Max Mueller – the Imperialist writings : James Mill, Elliott and Dowson, Vincent Smith. The Imperialist perceptions of British rule and Indian nationalism. The nationalist writings : K.P. Jayaswal, R.K. Mookerji, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, R.C. Majumdar.
- XII. The materialistic interpretation – D.D. Kosambi, R.S. Sharma, Mohammed Habib, Irfan Habib, Palme Dutt, Bipan Chandra.
- XIII. The Subaltern Historiography.

#### Books for Study :

1. E.H. Carr, *What is History?*
2. A.L. Rowse, *The Use of History.*
3. G.R. Elton, *The Practice of History.*
4. Marc Bloch, *The Historian's Craft.*
5. J.H. Plumb, *The Death of the Past.*

6. Kitson Clark, *The Critical Historian*.
7. W.H. Walsh, *Philosophy of History : an Introduction*.
8. R.F. Atkinson, *Knowledge and Explanation in History*.
9. Patrick Gardiner (ed.), *The Philosophy of History*.
10. " *Theories of History*.
11. Patrick Gardiner, *The Nature of Historical Explanation*.
12. Louis Gottschalk, *Generalization in the Writing of History*.
13. R.G. Collingwood, *The Idea of History*.
14. Jean Chesneaux, *Pasts and Futures or what is History For?*
15. Arthur Marwick, *The Nature of History*.
16. J.B. Bury, *The Ancient Greek Historians*.
17. M.I. Finley, *The Greek Historians*.
26. Gooch, G.P., *History and Historians in the Nineteenth Century*
27. Pieter Geyl, *Debates with Historians*.
28. Fritz Stern (ed) , *The Varieties of History*.
29. Fernand Braudel, *On History*.
30. Immanuel Leroy Ladurie, *The Territory of the Historian*.
31. Lawrence Stone, *The Past and the Present*.
32. Perry Anderson, *In the Tracks of Historical Materialism*.
33. Derek Attridge, Geoff Bennington and Robert Young, *Post-Structuralism and the Question of History*.
34. C.H. Philips (ed) , *Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon*.
35. R.C. Majumdar, *Historiography in Modern India*.
36. V.S. Pathak, *Ancient Historians of India*.
37. A.K. Warder, *An Introduction to Indian Historiography*.
38. Mohibul Hassan (ed) , *Historians of Medieval India*.
39. K.A. Nizami, *On History and Historians of Medieval India*.
40. J.S. Grewal, *Muslim Rule in India : The Assessments of British Historians*.
41. " *Medieval India : History and Historians*.
42. D.D. Kosambi, *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*.
43. S.P. Sen (ed) , *History and Historiography in Modern India*,
44. R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism*.
45. Irfan Habib, *Interpreting Indian History*.
46. Romila Thapar, *Ancient Indian Social History*.
47. " *Interpreting Indian Social History*.
48. " *Past and Prejudice*.
49. Romila Thapar (et al), *Communalism and the Writing of Indian History*.
50. Edward Said, *Orientalism*.
51. Ronald Inden, *Imagining India*.
52. Bipan Chandra, *Communalism in Modern India*.
53. Patricia Waugh (ed) , *Post-Modernism*.

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