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# SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

(CBCSS)

History

## HIS 2C 01—HISTORY AND THEORY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

Answers can be written either in English or Malayalam.

Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.

#### Section A (Short Answers)

Answer any **four** questions from the following. Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 1. Vico's The New Science.
- 2. Features of Romanticism.
- 3. The principle "how things actually were".
- 4. Meta narrative form of history writing.
- 5. Focus of historical Anthropology.
- 6. Micro-history.
- 7. Main contents of Historical Materialism.

 $(4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ weightage})$ 

# Section B (Short Essays)

Answer any **four** questions from the following. Each question carries 3 weightage.

- 8. Positivism does not use a subjective interpretation. Why?
- 9. "Ranke objected to philosophy of history". Examine.

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- 10. Discuss A. Giddens's critique of positivism.
- 11. "History does not and should not repeat itself". Comment.
- 12. What is the Objectivity of historical writing?
- 13. Bring out the arguments of P. Bourdieu against globalisation.
- 14. What do you mean by historical Anthropology?

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$ 

## Section C (Long Essays)

Answer any **two** questions from the following. Each question carries 5 weightage.

- 15. "The Ideal Type is a well-constructed ideal model of a specific set of social relationships for which a casual explanation and understanding are sought". Discuss.
- 16. 'History is first and foremost a literary narrative about the past'. Critically analyse.
- 17. 'The history of Slavery is a large and untellable story...' Discuss the writings in Indian context.
- 18. 'The specificity of experiences seems to demarcate different notions of self and community'. Elaborate this idea of experience by Gopal Guru and Sunder Sarukkai.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$