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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS 1C 01—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answer can be written either in English or Malayalam.
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

Section A (Very Short Essays)

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

1. Knowability of the past.
2. History as science.
3. Hypothesis.
4. Museums.
5. Relevance of interviews.
6. Subjectivity in Historical writings.
7. Appendix.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essays)

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

8. Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative methods.
9. Write briefly on the Textual analysis of source materials.
10. What are the various factors to be considered in the selection of a research topic ?

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11. Explain Louise Gottschalk's classification of Generalisation in history.
12. Elucidate on the different stages of historical research.
13. Present a critical analysis of past and history in the context of postmodern writings.
14. Describe the advantages of questionnaire method.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Section C (Essays)

Answer any two questions from the following.

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Illustrate the impact of Positivism in historical writings.
16. Examine the significance of field research in the reconstruction of new social history.
17. Elaborate on the different methods of source criticism.
18. How can we prepare a good research project? What are the steps involved?

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)