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UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2010

Ph.D. (History)

Time : 2 hours

Max Marks : 100

HALL TICKET NUMBER : _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper contains two parts (Part-A and Part-B)
 2. Part 'A' has two sections. Section-1 is major essay and section-2 is short essays.
 3. Part 'B' consists of concepts and should be answered on separate sheet.
 4. Before you start writing your answers, please check that this question paper does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items.
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PhD Entrance Paper 2010

(HISTORY)

Part A – Section 1

Marks 30

Answer any one of the following seven questions in about 500 words.

1. Discuss the factors responsible for the rise of Magadha as a superpower during the Sixth Century BC.
2. Discuss various theories regarding the origin of the Satavahanas.
3. Discuss the nature of Iqta system in the Sultanate Period. Did it facilitate the stabilization of the Sultanate or contribute to its collapse in the long run?
4. Discuss the nature of peasant rights in land during the Mughal period.
5. What is Subaltern Studies? What is its contribution to the historiography of Colonial India?
6. What role did Muslims play in the politics of Indian nationalism?
7. What are the truth claims of history (as a discipline)? How far are those claims tenable?

Part A – Section 2

Marks 2x15=30

Write two short essays of 200 words each. Each question carries 15 marks.

1. Critically examine the consequences of Alexander's campaigns in India.
2. Examine the factors responsible for the decline of the Guptas.
3. Critically discuss the factors behind the spread of Shramanism.
4. Can the medieval Indian social system be described as 'feudal' in the Western European sense?
5. Write a note on the intermediary zamindars under the Mughal state.
6. Discuss the features of non-agricultural production in Medieval India.

7. What are the factors that led to the founding of the Indian National Congress in 1885?
8. How did Gandhi intervene in the anti-indigo planter agitation in Champaran?
9. Describe the nature of Vallabhbhai Patel's leadership of the Bardoli Satyagraha.
10. Is objectivity possible in history-writing?

Part B

Use a separate answer book.

Marks 10x4=40

Concepts

Write brief notes on any ten of the following – Each question carries 4 marks – Each note should not exceed 25 words

Hindustani	Pleistocene	Pahi-kashta
Sreni	Hind Swaraj	Dadni System
NBP	Khalsa	swadeshi
Ram Rajya	Turqani-i-Chahalgani	khadi-boli
Ijaradar	Nagaram	Agama
Sanghati	Gurmukhi	Arghatta