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# FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2013

(CUCSS)

History

## C.1—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2010 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

### Part A (Short Answer Type)

Answer all questions.
Weightage for each question is 1.

- 1. Heuristics.
- 2. Subjectivity.
- 3. Card system.
- 4. Historical fact.
- 5. Indexing.
- 6. Hypothels.
- 7. Reasoning.
- 8. Quantitative method.
- 9. Semiotics.
- 10. "What is History"?
- 11. Case study.
- 12. Local history.
- 13. Field work.
- 14. History as Science.

 $(14 \times 1 = 14 \text{ weightage})$ 

#### Part B (Paragraph Type)

Answer any seven questions. Weightage for each question is 2.

- 15. The concept of 'textual analysis'.
- 16. Limitations of Objectivity.
- 17. Function of footnotes.

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- 18. Inter disciplinary nature of historical research.
- 19. Different methods of arrangement of data.
- 20. Various stages of drafting a thesis.
- 21. How far oral traditions can be used as a source material?
- 22. Importance of Research plan and working hypothesis.
- 23. Significance of Intellectual history.
- 24. Generalisation in history.

 $(7 \times 2 = 14 \text{ weighta})$ 

## Part C (Essay Type)

Answer any **two**.

Weightage for each question is 4.

- 25. What are the factors to be considered by the researcher before selecting a topic for research?
- 26. Explain the various processes involved in document analysis.
- 27. Discuss the importance of primary and secondary sources in the writing of history.
- 28. Identify a research problem from medieval south India. Point out its limitations.

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