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HIS CSS 1C 103—SELECTED THEMES IN INDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short Answer Type)

Answer all questions.
Weightage for each question is 1.

- L Akhyana.
- Malhana.
- William Jones.
- Hindu Polity.
- Abul Faz.
- Romila Thapar.
- Colonial Ethnography.
- Hieun Tsang.
- Oriental Despotism.
- Allahabad Prasasthi.
- Utilitarians.
- Jain Texts.
- New Cambridge history series.
- Arthasastra.

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

Part B (Paragaraph Type)

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

- Analyse the concept of 'Lineage Society' in early India.
- Assess the historical consciousness in Vedic Literature.
- Elaborate the concept of time in India.

- 18. Comment on the historicity of the Epics.
- 19. Explain the significance of subaltern perspective in Indian Historiography.
- 20. Write on the Buddha Jaina historiography in Ancient India.
- 21. Discuss the significance of Regional Histories .
- 22. Describe the nature of historical biographies of Ancient India.
- 23. Analyse the colonial construction of the concept of the 'Orient'.
- 24. Bring out the nature of the Court histories of Medieval India.

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

Part C (Essay Type)

Answer any **two** questions. Weightage for each question is 4.

- 25. Discuss the features of the Orientalist streams of historiography.
- 26. Elaborate the feudalism debate in Indian historiography.
- 27. Examine how the Marxist interpretations introduced a paradigm shift in the understanding historical change in India.
- 28. Discuss the concept of Past in India. Do you agree that ancient Indians had a sense of Histor $(2 \times 4 = 8)$ weights