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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2009**

History

C6 – THEORIES AND METHOD IN HISTORIOGRAPHY

(2007 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

*Answer any two questions in about **eight** pages each.*

Each question will carry 20 marks.

1. Explain how far Comtean Positivist Logic has influenced historical writings with suitable examples.
2. Write an essay on Structuralist Marxism and trace its impact on historiography.
3. Assess Braudelian concepts of history and show how it has changed the course of French historiography.
4. Define Post-Modernism and bring out the essence of post-modernist argument.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

Part A

*Answer any **eight** questions in about **three** pages each.*

Each question will carry 5 marks.

5. Define Historical Materialism.
6. Explain Ranke's positive approach to history.
7. Comment on Emile Durkheim's Social Theory.
8. Write a note on E.P. Thompson's criticism of structural Marxism.
9. Explain French historical Anthropology with suitable examples.
10. Critically assess Marc Bloch.
11. Write briefly on French quantitative history with reference to Ernest Labrousse.
12. Describe history of Mentalities.
13. Comment on Derrida's "Deconstruction".
14. Give an account of the nature of the Feminist Movements.
15. Explain Edward Said's Orientalism.
16. Briefly comment on Structural-Functional theories.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)