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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2008**

History

C 7—SELECTED THEMES IN INDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

(2007 admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : **80 Marks**

**Section A**

*Answer any **two** of the following questions in about eight pages each.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Critically examine the colonial construction of India's past. How this view was challenged by the Nationalist Historians ?
2. Write an essay on the importance of Historical works on **Vijayanagaras**.
3. Define **Orientalism**. Assess the contribution of **Orientalists** towards the constitution of Indian History.
4. Give an account of the characteristics features of the subaltern studies.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

**Section B**

*Answer any **eight** of the following in about three pages each.  
Each question carries 5 marks.*

5. Critically examine the main features of concept of time used in History.
6. Bring out the historical importance of 'danastutis'.
7. Examine the significance of **Sutamagdha** tradition and elaborate its Historical significance.
8. Describe the importance of '**Tujuki Babari**' as Historical source.
9. **Attempt an** account of the writings of **Ibn-Batuta** pointing out its importance in the construction of medieval Indian History.
10. Write a note on **Mangal Kabyas** of East as Historical source material.
11. Critically examine the writings of Court Historian under **Mughals**.
12. Briefly discuss the colonial ethnography.
13. Critically review the Cambridge scholars perceptions of Indian National Movement.
14. Assess the contribution of **D.D. Kosambi** to Indian Historiography.
15. Discuss the commercial perspective of Indian History as articulated by Hindu Nationalist.
16. What is Feudalism ? How Indian Feudalism different from European Feudalism.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)