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**HISTORY**

Paper : HIS-1016 (OLD)

**[History : Theory and Method]**

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.**

*Answer all questions.*

1. (a) Is 'total objectivity' possible in history ? Discuss with reference to the positivist view of the nineteenth century. 16

**Or**

- (b) Discuss the major points of critique of positivist history put forward by R. G. Collingwood.

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2. (a) Can Whig history be termed as 'ethnocentric'? Explain with examples.

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Or

(b) Explain the 'base-superstructure' model of the Marxist view and examine the notion of 'economic determinism in the light of this model'.

3. (a) How has the Annales approach provided a new direction to historical research? Discuss with reference to the ideas and methods of the 1st generation Annales.

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Or

(b) The British Marxist historians attempted to write a 'history from below'. Discuss by focusing on the ideas of E. P. Thompson.

4. (a) Explain the notion of 'micro-history'. Discuss the practice of this approach by the 3rd generation Annales historians.

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Or

(b) Examine the concept of post-modernism and elaborate on the ideas and works of Michel Foucault.

5. (a) Assess the relative importance of primary and secondary sources in historical research.

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Or

(b) Write notes on **any two** of the following:  $8 \times 2 = 16$

(i) Philosophy of history

(ii) Teleology

(iii) Fernand Braudel

(iv) Subaltern historiography

