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## HISTORY

Paper : HIS-3016

**(History : Methods and Historiography)**

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 ?  
Make an assessment based on the ideas  
of the positivists and its critiques. 16

**OR**

- (b) How did science impact the conception  
of history in the nineteenth century ?  
Discuss with focus on the Whig  
interpretation of history.

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2. (a) What is 'Dialectical Materialism'? How has Marx used this concept to explain the process of historical change? Elaborate. 16

**OR**

- (b) How did the Annales view add new dimensions to historical methodology and understanding? Explain with reference to the works and ideas of the first Generation Annales historians.
3. (a) The British Marxist historians attempted to write a 'history from below'. How was this approach different from the traditional Marxist view? 16

**OR**

- (b) Examine how subaltern history writing has provided an alternate understanding of Indian history. Give examples.
4. (a) Discuss the 'micro-history' Approach highlighting the works of Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie and the 3rd Generation Annales. 16

**OR**

- (b) What challenges did post-modernism provide to the 'modern' discipline of history? Examine through a discussion of the works and approach of Michel Foucault.

5. (a) Distinguish between history and historiography. Assess the features of early Greek historiography. 16

**OR**

- (b) Write notes on **any two** of the following: 8×2=16
- (i) Scissors and Paste History
  - (ii) Teleology
  - (iii) Fernand Braudel and the Mediterranean
  - (iv) Oral History Methodology