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HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : HISMAJ2034

(Concept and Method of History)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : $1 \times 6 = 6$

(a) Who is the 'Father of History'?

(i) Cicero

(ii) Herodotus

(iii) Theodorus

(iv) Aristotle

(b) Which Buddhist literary work contain sacred teachings of Buddha ?

- (i) Jatakas
- (ii) Parisista Parvana
- (iii) Tripitakas
- (iv) Puranas

(c) What is the "Father of Chinese Historiography"?

- (i) Confucius
- (ii) Chu-Yuan-Chang
- (iii) Ssu-ma-Chien
- (iv) Tiang

(d) "History is the biography of greatmen". Who said this ?

- (i) Sir John Seeley
- (ii) E.H. Carr
- (iii) Thomas Carlyle
- (iv) Henry Johnson

(e) Who wrote "Early History of Kamarupa"?

- (i) Edward Gait
- (ii) S.K. Bhuyan
- (iii) J.P. Wade
- (iv) Kanaklal Barua

(f) Who composed the first history of Rome in Greek ?

- (i) M.P. Cato
- (ii) Q.F. Pictor
- (iii) Tacitus
- (iv) Livy

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) Mention *any two* nature of history.
- (b) What is primary source ?
- (c) Mention *any two* literary works of Kalidasa.
- (d) What role does geography play in giving shape to the history of a particular region ?
- (e) Define in brief the political history.
- (f) What are the *two* divisions of the Modern Indian Historiography ?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

- (a) Discuss the relationship between economy and history.
- (b) Discuss the differences between primary and secondary sources.
- (c) Write a note on historical facts.

- (d) Trace the development of historiography in Assam.
- (e) Write a note on didactic history.
- (f) Characteristics of Imperialist historiography.
- (g) Write a note on the categories of historical literature.
- (h) How do archaeological sources help us to reconstruct the past?
- (i) Write a note on relation of history and sociology.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

12×2=24

- (a) Examine the historical value of ancient Indian literary text like the Epics, Vedas and Puranas.
- (b) Make a critical assesment of Rankean method of writing history.
- (c) "The true historiography of India began during the Muslim rule, the Muslims has a keener sense of history and Chronology than the Hindus". Critically examine the statement and explain.
- (d) What do you mean by tradition? Give an account of the major independent historical thought and tradition of writing.