Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill Shimla
Centre for Distance and Online Education

Department of History M A
Semester First
Paper: History and Historiography
Core Course- HIST 101

Important Instruction: All the students are required to prepare all three assignments separately. These assignments are compulsory and submit them in a time bound manner, otherwise admit card for the exams will not be generated. A sample of the title page is also attached.

Assignment – I

Maximum Marks = 6

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:
Q.1   Define history and explain its nature and scope.
Q.2   How does the study of history help in understanding the relationship between people and time?
Q.3   Discuss the significance of causation in historical analysis with suitable examples.
Q.4   What is historical objectivity, and why is it important in the study of history?

$3 \times 2 = 6$

Assignment – 2

Maximum Marks = 6

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:
Q.1   Compare the Historiographical approaches of Herodotus and Thucydides in Greek historical tradition.
Q.2   Discuss the contributions of Ibn Khaldun to Arab historiography.
Q.3   What are the key features of the Itihasa-Purana tradition in Indian historiography?
Q.4   Explain Ranke's concept of empiricism and its impact on modern historiography.

$3 \times 2 = 6$

Assignment – 3

Maximum Marks = 8

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:
Q.1   Explain the concept of "history from below" in Marxist historiography and its significance.
Q.2   How did James Mill and Vincent Smith shape the colonial approach to Indian historiography?
Q.3   Discuss the importance of oral history in writing about marginalized communities.
Q.4   What are the key components of research ethics in historical writing? $4 \times 2 = 8$

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