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**Sixth Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/
Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2022 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN HISTORY
6B14HIS : Indian Historiography**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

Instruction : Answer may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

**PART – A
(Short Notes)**

Write short notes on the following **ten** topics in around **30** words. **Each** question carries **1** mark. **(10×1=10)**

1. Banabhatta.
2. Mooshakavamsha kavya.
3. Jataka Stories.
4. Indology.
5. Oriental Despotism.
6. Vincent Smith.
7. K. P. Jayaswal.
8. Ramachandra Guha.
9. David Arnold.
10. Romila Thapar.

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**PART – B
(Short Essay)**

Answer **any six** out of the nine questions in around **200** words. **Each** question carries **3** marks. **(6×3=18)**

11. What role do Jain and Buddhist traditions play in shaping the historiography of ancient India ?
12. What are the key characteristics of Mughal historiography and how did it differ from earlier Indian historical traditions ?
13. What are the key features of utilitarian historiography in the Indian context ?
14. What is the Orientalist approach in Indian historiography ?
15. Discuss the contributions of K.A.N. Sastri and K.M. Panicker to the study of Indian history.
16. Examine the contribution of Irfan Habib to Indian history.
17. What are the major characteristics of subaltern historiography in India ?
18. Analyse the significance of local history in modern Indian historiography.
19. How does gender history challenge traditional historiography in India ?

**PART – C
(Essay)**

Answer **any two** out of the four questions in around **400** words. **Each** question carries **6** marks. **(2×6=12)**

20. What are the main features of Sultanate historiography and how did Barani contribute to its development through his works ?
21. Discuss the key features of nationalist historiography and its impact on the construction of national identity.
22. What are the main features of Marxist historiography and how does it approach the study of history ?
23. What is colonial historiography and what are its primary characteristics ?