



Ashoka University

History PhD Entrance Examination 2021

Day: 8 May 2021

Time: 10 am – 1:00 pm (3 hours)

Answer *any two* of the following questions (with a maximum of around 1000 words for each answer):

1. The Dutch historian Peter Geyl wrote that 'history is an argument without end'. Do you agree?
2. The historian's craft is a dialogue between the historian and their sources. Discuss this with reference to a primary source of your choice.
3. How do you think periodisation helps the writing of history?
4. Is there a place for moral judgements in writing history?



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History PhD Entrance Examination 2020

Date: 15 May 2020

Time: 10 am – 1:30 pm (3 hours 30 minutes)

Answer *any two* of the following questions (with a maximum of around 1000 words for each answer):

1. Do you think the job of the historian is similar to the job of the detective?
2. “Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will glorify the hunter”. Discuss.
3. Why do historians often disagree with each other in their interpretations of the past?
4. Write about any one historical figure who has captured your imagination.



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History PhD Programme Entrance Examination 2019

Time: 90 minutes

10:30 am – 12 noon

Answer any three of the following questions (with a maximum of about 1000 words for each answer):

1. Why do you think it is important to study history?
2. Critically analyze the work of a historian who has inspired your research interests.
3. Should historians be concerned about how history is depicted in films and novels?
4. Discuss the relationship between history and time.



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History PhD Programme Entrance Examination 2018

10.00 AM – 11.30 AM

Please read the instructions below very carefully.

There are three questions and you have to answer *any two* of them. The word limit for each answer is **750** words. The time limit for answering questions is **90** minutes.

Questions

1. Why do you want to be a historian?
2. Write a short essay on the research theme/themes that interest you.
3. Write about a work of history that has deeply interested and engaged you.