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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY TEST

HISTORY

Booklet Series : **C**

Invigilator's Name and Signature

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TIME : 2 HOURS 20 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS : 80

Number of Pages in this Booklet : 20

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. and OMR Sheet No. in the boxes provided above.
2. This paper consists of two sections : **Section B** with 30 (thirty) objective type questions (OTQ) and **Section C** with 6 (six) descriptive questions. Each OTQ must be answered in one-two words or in very short sentences, which have to be written in a space provided immediately below each question. The descriptive questions in **Section C**, MUST be answered in the space provided in this booklet. **No extra pages will be provided in any case.**
3. Use a pen to write your answers.
4. Read the instructions given inside this booklet before attempting to answer any questions.
5. DO NOT write your name, roll no, phone no, or anything, or put any marks anywhere in this booklet, otherwise your candidature will be disqualified.
6. If you are found to resort to any kind of unfair means such as carrying extra material other than pen, pencil, watch, eraser, and scale, or copying from somebody or from external material, your candidature will be disqualified.
7. Use of mobile phones, calculators, log tables or any other tables, wearable smart devices such as smart Android watches or objects of similar nature CAN NOT be used inside the examination hall.
8. At the end of the examination, you have to return this booklet to the invigilator.
9. There is no negative marks for incorrect answer.

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Section B (30 Marks)

1. When was Sylhet added to the province of Assam?
2. Who is the author of *Asomiya Lorar Mitra*?
3. What does the term *janapada* mean?
4. Which Asokan edict describes the repentance of the king after the Kalinga War?
5. By what name is the later form of Tantric Buddhism known?
6. Who is the author of the text *Tabaqat-i-Nasiri*?

7. Name two Sufi *silsilas*.

8. Who is the author of the book *Indian Feudalism*?

9. What does the term 'Subaltern' stand for?

10. Name one item of export from India to the Roman world in the early centuries of the Christian era.

11. Name two major historians of the Annales School.

12. Land grants were first made in India under which ruling dynasty?

13. Who wrote *The Red River and The Blue Hill or The State of Assam*?

14. Sources for writing history are classified into Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary. What is a Tertiary Source?

15. What is a bibliography?

16. With whose collaboration did Karl Marx write, *The Holy Family* (1845), *The German Ideology* (1846), and *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)?

17. State one major contribution of Ibn Khaldoun (1332-1406 CE).

18. In which year or years did the Great Economic Depression take place in the twentieth century?

19. Who were the first kings to issue gold coins in India?

20. Which of the Vedas dealt with rituals?

21. Where was the earliest capital of Magadha located?

22. Which Muslim ruler introduced a standing army in India?

23. Who is generally referred to as the 'Grand Old man of India'?

24. What is the correct chronology in which the Portuguese, British, French, and Dutch arrived in India?

25. Who was the first Indian lady to preside over the Indian National Congress?

26. Who was popularly associated with *Satya Sodhak Samaj*?

27. Who has been called the father of Local-self Government in India?

28. Who said, 'Bengal united is a power. Bengal divided will pull in different ways ...'?

29. Who was the earliest known king of ancient Assam?

30. Who was the Ahom king that adopted the *Saka* era for the first time?

Section C (50 Marks)

Answer any 1 (one) from the following

1. Differentiate between Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methodology. Which of the two is appropriate for research in history? (Marks : 10 + 10 = 20)
2. Assess the place and importance of the *Buranjis* as sources of the history of pre-modern Assam. (Marks : 20)
3. Give a critical account of how post-colonial studies have influenced historiography. (Marks : 20)

Answer any 1 (one) from the following

4. Discuss the relevance of history in the context of globalization. (Marks : 30)
5. Discuss the relative importance of literary and archaeological sources of history. Give examples to illustrate your answer. (Marks : 30)
6. What are the major parts of a synopsis for doctoral research? Provide a synopsis of your proposed topic of research. (Marks : 30)

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