

HS3.201 Introduction to History
Mid-Semester Exam: Monsoon 2023

Max Time: 90 Minutes

Max Marks: 30

Note: Attempt any three questions out of four. Each question carries ten marks.

Q1: What do you understand from a common-sense view of history? Discuss the relationship that exists between the historian and ‘facts’.

Q2: How has the discipline of history engaged with the cult of individualism? If the march of history were imagined as a moving procession, where would the historian be placed vis-à-vis this procession? Discuss.

Q3: Reflect upon the social impact of the advent of the mechanical clock and how it influenced people’s experience of the passage of time.

Q4: How has the relationship between teleology and history changed through time from antiquity to modernity? Considering Francis Fukuyama’s famous 1989 article, what does he mean by the “End of History”?