

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

**Max Time:** 3 hours

**Max Marks:** 48

**Word Limit:** 600 words each

Note: Attempt any four questions out of five. Each question carries 12 marks.

**Q1:** What do you understand by structural analysis? Discuss the ways in which poststructuralism diverges from structuralism as a methodological approach in the humanities and the social sciences.

**Q2:** Reflect on Jacques Derrida's conceptualisation of deconstruction and why it is considered a significant point of departure from our conventional understanding of text and meaning.

**Q3:** Write short notes on the following:

- I. Orientalism
- II. Compensation/ Contribution History

**Q4:** Michel Foucault is often called a philosopher-historian, yet his work and method have never been universally accepted by academic historians. In what ways did his approach to history differ from conventional historiography?

**Q5:** What do you understand by subaltern studies? How did it challenge colonialist, nationalist, and Marxist interpretations of history?