

Intro to Human Sciences (HS8.102)

QUIZ ONE

Max. Time: 45 mins

Max. Marks: 40

29 January 2026

History Module SECTION B

Section I

(Answer ALL questions. 120–150 words each. 5 marks each.)

Question 1. What does it mean to say that there can be no completely neutral or objective fact, while still distinguishing between genuine and false facts?

Question 2. Why is chronology described as the “spine of history”?

Question 3. Distinguish between any two schools of writing Indian history, and explain what differentiates them.

Question 4. How did cartography and the Great Trigonometrical Survey contribute to the making of modern India?

Section II

(Answer ONE question. 350–400 words. 20 marks.)

Question 5. Explain how the concepts of fact and periodisation together shape the way historians construct the past. (Draw on the lectures on historical facts and historical time; and the readings of EH Carr, Sherlock Holmes, and Romila Thapar.)

OR

Question 6. Discuss this statement: “Modern India was produced not only politically, but statistically and geographically.” (Draw on lectures on History in India; and the readings of Carr, Sherlock Holmes, and Bernard Cohn)