

Introduction to History, HS3.201
Mid Semester Exam
Date-22/09/2025

Max Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 30 (10x3)

Instruction: Answer any three of the following four questions in approximately 500 words each.

- Q1)** What do you understand by 'post-truth' history and why does it pose a threat to the discipline of history specifically in our current shared reality? Using an example, demonstrate the workings of post-truth history at play.
- Q2)** How did the understanding of and engagement with the concept of time develop and evolve from Antiquity to Enlightenment?
- Q3)** Why are conventionally trained historians dismissive and scornful of counterfactual history and how do the new pro-counterfactualists defend its usefulness? Based on your viewing of the documentary *Virtual JFK*, discuss the features of good counterfactual history.
- Q4)** What are the main objections that have been raised about the usefulness of equating history with science and how have they been countered by E.H. Carr?