# The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

### Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences
### MA History 1st Semester
### Semester End Examination, January 2023
### Course Title : Methods, Archives and History
### Course Code : HST184C103

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

### Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.
*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

## Section – A

1. Attempt **all questions**. (Maximum word limit 50)          2 x 8

   a. What do you mean by secondary sources?

   b. What is Ethnography? What are its uses in history?

   c. What do you understand by the term Oral History?

   d. What do you mean by 'Literature Review'?

   e. What are Footnotes?

   f. Name two digital archives.

   g. What is social memory?

   h. Name two styles of text referencing.

## Section – B

2. Attempt **any one** of the following:          12 x 1

   a. Examine source testing methods in history. Do you think they are adequate mechanisms in history?

   b. "New sources in history are redefining historiographical trends." Analyse.

3. Attempt **any two** of the following:          7 x 2

   a. "Generalizations in history distort narratives." Do you agree? Give reasons.

   b. Analyse the concept of Historical Materialism as a method.

   c. Are anomalies important elements of historical discoveries? Elaborate.

4. Attempt **any two** of the following:          7 x 2

   a. What is a non-conventional archive? Do you agree that they are the next big revolution in historical research?

   b. Are free internet resources ethically correct for academia? Evaluate

   c. How have Archive.org, Google Scholar and Jstor improved research? Discuss.

5. Attempt **any two** of the following:          7 x 2

   a. What is a synopsis? Elaborate the various components of a synopsis?

   b. Elaborate the format for citing: a. Journal Article: b. Book: c. Edited Book Chapter: Archival File in the MLA format.

   c. Do you think Bibliography is important in any research work? Give reasons.