

The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati  
Royal School of Humanities Social Sciences

M.A. History, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Semester End Examination, March 2022

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
- What do you mean by Secondary sources?
  - What is Ethnography? What are its uses in history?
  - What do you understand by the term Oral History?
  - What do you mean by 'Literature Review'?
  - What are Footnotes?
  - Name two digital archives?
  - What is social memory?
  - Name two styles of text referencing?

**Section – B**

2. Attempt any one of the following: 6 x 2
- Write notes on the following:
    - Heuristics
    - Hermeneutics
  - "Newspapers are the new historical sources." Discuss.
  - Do you think Diaries and Memoires are good sources of history writing? Elucidate.
3. Attempt any two of the following: 7 x 2
- Do you think modern history writing is ethically biased? Discuss.
  - Are download sites like Sci-hub and Libgen ethically correct? Evaluate
  - When is a historical fact correct? Do you think historical facts can be invented? Discuss
4. Attempt any two of the following: 7 x 2
- What are non-traditional archives? Discuss its importance in new research.
  - How have Archive.org, Google Scholar and Jstor improved research? Discuss.
  - What are 'National Archives'? Discuss with reference to modern history writing.
5. Attempt any one of the following: 14 x 1
- What is a synopsis? Discuss in detail its various components.
  - Elucidate the following referencing in MLA style:
    - Journal Article.
    - Book
    - Chapter in edited volume.
    - Newspaper
    - Interview
    - Archival File
    - Government Record