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FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE CODE: HIS 311

COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORICAL THOUGHT UPTO 1900

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **Four** Questions, **Two** from each section

All questions are weighted 17 ½ Marks

SECTION A

1. Explain the meaning of historical thought and examine its usefulness to a student-teacher of history in a secondary school set-up.
2. Discuss the controversy between the positivists and relativists in relation to the status of history as a discipline.
3. "Scientific history is a fallacy." Assess the validity of this statement.
4. Using historical examples, discuss the **FIVE** branches of philosophy and its applicability to historical thought.

SECTION B

5. "The Christian Philosophy of the Middle Ages was a drawback to the development of history." Discuss.
6. Why is Renaissance historiography considered in history as a watershed period?
7. Examine the reaction of Giambattista Vico (1668-1744) to Cartesian historiography.
8. What is historical materialism? Discuss the contribution of Karl Marx to history.