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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS 1C01—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answers can be written **either** in English **or** Malayalam.  
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

**Section A (Very Short Essays)***Answer any **four** questions from the following.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Semiotics and study of symbols.
2. Archival sources.
3. External criticism.
4. Objectivity in history.
5. Deconstructionism.
6. Bibliography.
7. Plagiarism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)***Answer any **four** from the following.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. What do you understand by interdisciplinary research ?
9. Compare and contrast between primary and secondary sources.

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10. Discuss in brief about the various methods of documentation.
11. Write about Card system and how is it useful in historical research.
12. Explain the significance of hypothesis in research.
13. What are the various steps involved in the selection of research topics ?
14. What are the different elements of exposition ?

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Section C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Critically analyse the use of various repositories of source materials.
16. Discuss about the initial stages of research.
17. Elucidate on the impact of postmodernism in historical research.
18. How far objectivity is possible in historical writings ?

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)