

University of Colombo - Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Second Year Examination in Arts- Semester I - 2018/2019

HIS 2123 – History Writing New Directions

Time: Two (02) hours only.

Answer Three (03) questions only.

- 1) 'Historians produce knowledge about the past, they do not reconstruct the past'.
Critically examine this statement by Arthur Marwick.
- 2) Explain why Annales School of thought is considered a key turning point in history writing in the twentieth century.
- 3) What are the methodological shortcomings a historian working on mentalities may encounter? Support your answer with examples.
- 4) Discuss
 - a) The contribution of subaltern studies to history writing.
 - b) The criticism against subaltern work in India.
- 5) Explain Dipesh Chakrabarty's proposition of historicism in his work 'The Idea of Provincializing Europe'.
- 6) Write notes on any two (02).
 - a) Groups at society's margins
 - b) 'Dominance without hegemony'
 - c) Linguistic turn