

University of Colombo  
Faculty of Arts – Semester I – 2016/17  
HIS 1101 – Introduction to History  
Two (02) hours only

Answer any (03) three questions

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1. “Historians do not attempt to “show” us the past (just as they do not attempt to reconstruct it) ; what they present is the ‘knowledge about the past’  
Discuss what history is with reference to the above statement.
2. Describe:
  - A. The difference between the past and History.
  - B. History and ideology.
3. Discuss “time and space” with reference to your field work done at the Arcade shopping complex.
4. Explain :
  - A. ‘Is history a necessity?’
  - B. New history
5. Explain how the linguistic turn and postmodern turn impacted history writing in the twentieth century.
6. Write notes on the following (02) Two topics :
  1. Oral History
  2. New Marxist history writing