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**M. A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2016**  
**SEMESTER III - HISTORY**  
**HY3C14TM - METHODS OR TECHNIQUES OF RESEARCH**

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 75**

**PART A**

**I. Write short notes on any five of the following. Each question carries 3 marks**

1. Asokan Edicts
2. Kerala State Archives
3. Content Analysis
4. Text
5. Hypothesis
6. Hermeneutics
7. MLA Handbook

**(5x3=15)**

**PART B**

**II. Answer any six questions. Each question carries 5 marks**

8. Assess the importance of archaeological sources in the study of history
9. Explain the important contemporary sources of Mughal Empire
10. Briefly explain the forms of textual analysis
11. What are the features of oral compositions?
12. Explain the concept of Generalization
13. Discuss the important theories of causation in history
14. Explain the problem of representation in the sources of history
15. What is a bibliography? How is it prepared?
16. Differentiate footnote and Endnote

**(6x5=30)**

**PART C**

**III. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks**

17. Discuss various sources for the reconstruction of history. Explain the relevance of primary sources in historical research
18. What is formalism? Explain Formalist methods of source analysis
19. Briefly discuss the methods of authentication in historical research
20. What are footnotes? Explain the types and methods to footnote

**(2x15=30)**