

**MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
KODAIKANAL**

COURSE WORK EXAMINATION: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

HISTORICAL STUDIES

UNIT I :

Meaning, Nature and Scope of History – Causation and changes – Theory of Repetition-Human values and Ethics- Presenting factual information – interpretation of the information.

UNIT II:

History and Auxiliary branches – History Art or Science Research is on interpretation of documents- Diaries – Primary Sources- Eyewitness reports- Original documents-Secondary Sources –Description of an event – Eye witness- Book author's explanation of an event of theory .

UNIT III:

Traditional Approach to History – Greco – Roman, historiography – Herodotus – Thucydides and Livy – Church historiography – St.Augustine – Medieval Arab Historian – Ibn Haldin – Modern Western historiography – Voltaire, Hegel, Ranke – Marxist Historiography – Karl Marx – Ancient Indian historiography – Kalhana – Medieval Indian istorians – Alberuni, Barani – Imperial Historians – James Mill, K.A.Nilakantasastri, K.K.Pillay – T.V. Mahalingam

UNIT IV:

New Approaches to History, British – Marxist Historians – E.P. Thompson, Eric Hobsbawm – Annales Historiography Post – Modernism – Jaques Derrida – Subaltern Studies – Contemporary Historians – Romila Thapar, F.J.Sharma, Subbarayalu, Sanjai Subramani

UNIT V:

Research Problem – Hypothesis – Research Methods – Historical Research Method and other Social Science Research Methods – Data Collection – Heuristics – Hermeneutics – Objectivity in Historical Writing – Presentation of Thesis – Foot Notes, Bibliography, Tables, charts, Graphs and Diagrams – Documentation

Reference Book:

E.H.Carr - What is History
Arther martric - Nature of History
 New Nature of History
James / Cannon Historians at Work
Ranjit Guha Subaltern Studies, Vol.1 to Vol.VI
MLA Handbook for Researcher
Orient Longman : An Introduction to Post Modernism