Mid-semester Examination

Date: 07 October 2021

Time: 8.00 am - 9.30 am

Venue: Online/Zoom

Mode of examination: LMS

HST 101: Ahmedabad as a Gateway to the World

Total weightage: 30%

Important instructions:

(a) Please attempt **any three** questions out of six. Each question carries 10 marks (3x10 = 30).

(b) Answer to the question should not exceed **300 words**.

(c) You can consult the referent books/articles **only for the factual data**. Any reproduction of text from the books/articles will adversely affect your grades.

(d) You can ask the course instructor for **clarification** if there is any confusion in understanding the question.

(e) You must be **on camera** during the examination session.

1. What were the possible reasons for relocating the capital city of Gujarat to Ahmedabad in the early fifteenth century?

2. How the coastal port cities such as Cambay and Surat served the commercial interests of Ahmedabad and Gujarat during the precolonial period?

3. Why there was a historically strong tradition of trade and entrepreneurship in relatively dry zone of Gujarat? Explain the question by discussing the environmental, institutional (*majahan*s, *nagarseth*s), and logistical reasons.

4. Briefly discuss the day-to-day life and cultural practices of different groups of people living in the urban centers of Gujarat as described by Alexander Kinloch Forbes in the Râs Mâlâ.

5. Why did Gandhi make Ahmedabad the site of his political activism and social reforms after returning from South Africa in 1915?

6. Give your critique of the mainstream nationalism by suggesting measures to make the marginal and unprivileged sections of society greater stakeholders in the nation and its resources.

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