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( 2nd Semester )

HISTORY

SECOND PAPER

( **History of India up to post-Mauryan Period** )

[ 2011–2013 Batch (Pre-revised) ]

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( *Marks : 50* )

*The questions are of equal value*

Answer *any five* questions

1. Discuss the literary sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.
2. Examine the economic, social and political activities of the Indus Civilization.

3. Examine the social and political life of the Rig-Vedic people.
4. Examine the economic and religious life of the later-Vedic period.
5. Write on the ascendancy of Magadha and its eventual success over all the other States.
6. Discuss the teaching and social relevance of Mahavira.
7. What were the nature and structure of the Mauryan empire?
8. Critically examine the relevance of Ashoka's Dhamma to Mauryan society.
9. What was the significance of the Indo-Roman trade?
10. Discuss the society in early historical South India as reflected by the Sangam literature.

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SECTION—A

( Marks : 10 )

Tick ( ✓ ) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

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**1.** The origin of Harappan Civilization is

(a) Sumerian ( )

(b) Mesopotamian ( )

(c) indigenous ( )

( 2 )

2. The most sacred animal of Harappan people was

(a) rhinoceros ( )

(b) humped bull ( )

(c) cow ( )

3. The chief feature of Rig-Vedic religion was the worship of

(a) shakti ( )

(b) nature ( )

(c) fire ( )

4. Most of the Vedic literatures were written in

(a) Pali ( )

(b) Sanskrit ( )

(c) Tamil ( )

( 3 )

5. The founder of Magadha kingdom was

(a) Udayana ( )

(b) Prasenjit ( )

(c) Bimbisara ( )

6. Who among the following maintained silence over the existence of God?

(a) Mahavira ( )

(b) Gautama ( )

(c) Gosala ( )

7. The first definition of State was given by

(a) *Arthasastra* ( )

(b) *Manusmriti* ( )

(c) *Mahabharata* ( )

( 4 )

8. Buddha allowed women to enter the Sangha to accommodate the wishes of

(a) Mahaprajapati Gotami ( )

(b) Yashodhara ( )

(c) Maya ( )

9. The Sangam is

(a) assembly of Tamil poets ( )

(b) assembly of tax collectors ( )

(c) assembly of women ( )

10. The most important item of export from South-East Asia in the post-Mauryan period was

(a) silk ( )

(b) spices ( )

(c) ivory ( )

( 5 )

SECTION—B

( Marks : 15 )

Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than  
5 sentences each : 3×5=15

1. What are the two kinds of Sangam poems?

( 6 )

2. What is the Great Bath?



( 7 )

3. What are the Rig-Vedic Sabha and Samiti?

( 8 )

4. What is Varna?

( 9 )

5. What are the four Ashramas?

6. What are the three gems (triratna) of Jainism?

( 10 )

7. What are the Greek-Roman texts used for reconstructing the Mauryan period?

( 11 )

8. Who was Kautilya?

( 12 )

9. Who was Gautamiputra Satakarni?

( 13 )

10. Who were the Kushanas?

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Answer **all** questions

1. Make an analysis of the Harappan society and economy.

*Or*

Discuss the literary sources for the reconstruction of Early Indian history.

2. Examine the economic and religious life of the Rig-Vedic period.

*Or*

Analyze the changes that mark the transition from early-Vedic to later-Vedic period.

3. Discuss the rise and growth of Magadha.

*Or*

What are the circumstances that led to the rise of the heterodox sects in the 6th century BCE?

4. What factors underlay the emergence of the Mauryan empire?

*Or*

What do you know about Ashoka's Dhamma?

5. Examine the development of religion during the post-Mauryan period between 200 BC and 300 AD.

*Or*

Explain the growth and development of crafts and guilds in the post-Mauryan period.

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**1.** *Indica* was the work of

(a) Kautilya ( )

(b) Panini ( )

(c) Megasthenes ( )

( 2 )

2. The Great Bath was found at the site of

(a) Harappa ( )

(b) Mahenjadarro ( )

(c) Lothal ( )

3. The most important divinity in the Rig-Vedic period was

(a) Agni ( )

(b) Varuna ( )

(c) Indra ( )

4. Bhagadugas were

(a) collector of taxes ( )

(b) commander of the army ( )

(c) priest ( )

( 3 )

5. The Indian Prince who opposed Alexander was

(a) Bimbisara ( )

(b) Chadragupta ( )

(c) Porus ( )

6. The foreigners who extend into India in the 4th century BCE were

(a) the Greeks ( )

(b) the Persians ( )

(c) the Sumerians ( )

7. Dhamma is

(a) a principle of Buddhism ( )

(b) a religious sect ( )

(c) the universal law of righteousness ( )

( 4 )

8. According to Romila Thapar, the Mouryan State was

(a) highly centralized ( )

(b) decentralized ( )

(c) loose confederation ( )

9. The Satavahanas were also known as

(a) Cheras ( )

(b) Andhras ( )

(c) Pandyas ( )

10. The Indo-Greek king who was converted to Buddhism after his discussion with Nagasena was

(a) Menander/Milinda ( )

(b) Megasthenes ( )

(c) Selucus ( )

( 5 )

SECTION—B

( Marks : 15 )

Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than  
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1. What is Numismatics?

( 6 )

2. What do you mean by Palaeontology?

( 7 )

3. What is Varna?



( 8 )

4. What do you mean by the Upanayana ceremony?

5. What are the four Ashramas?

( 9 )

6. What was the direct impact of Persian invasion of India?

( 10 )

7. Who was Kautilya?

( 11 )

8. Explain the Dharmachakra on Ashokan capitals.

( 12 )

9. What is Stupa?

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