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( CBCS )

( 2nd Semester )

HISTORY

SECOND PAPER

**( History of India up to Post-Maurya Period )**

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

*The questions are of equal value*

1. Give an account of the archaeological sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.

*Or*

Examine the economic activities of the Harappan people.

2. Discuss the social and political life of the Rig-Vedic period.

*Or*

What are the material and ideological background of the *Upanishads*?

3. Discuss the rise and growth of Magadha.

*Or*

Discuss the teachings and social implications of Mahavira.

4. What was the nature and structure of the Mauryan Empire?

*Or*

Analyze the decline of the Mauryan Empire.

5. Write on the career and achievements of Kanishka.

*Or*

What was the significance of the Indo-Roman trade?

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1. The Booklet No. of this script should be quoted in the answer script meant for descriptive type questions and vice versa.**
- 2. This paper should be ANSWERED FIRST and submitted within 1 (one) Hour of the commencement of the Examination.**
- 3. While answering the questions of this booklet, any cutting, erasing, overwriting or furnishing more than one answer is prohibited. Any rough work, if required, should be done only on the main Answer Book. Instructions given in each question should be followed for answering that question only.**

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

SECTION—A

( Marks : 10 )

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

1×10=10

**1.** Numismatics is the study of

(a) numbers ( )

(b) coins ( )

(c) inscriptions ( )

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2. The Harappan Civilization belongs to the

(a) Palaeolithic Age ( )

(b) Chalcolithic Age ( )

(c) Neolithic Age ( )

3. The term 'Jana' in the Rig-Veda stood for

(a) clan ( )

(b) tribe ( )

(c) nation ( )

4. Later Vedic period is also known as the

(a) ochre-coloured pottery (OCP) culture ( )

(b) painted grey ware (PGW) culture ( )

(c) northern black polished ware (NBP/NBPW)  
culture ( )

( 3 )

5. The early capital of Magadha was

(a) Rajagriha ( )

(b) Pataliputra ( )

(c) Vaishali ( )

6. Buddha preached his first sermon at

(a) Lumbini ( )

(b) Sarnath ( )

(c) Kundagrama ( )

7. Who was the founder of the Mauryan Empire?

(a) Asoka ( )

(b) Kautilya ( )

(c) Chandragupta Maurya ( )

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8. The Sanchi Stupa was built by

(a) Asoka ( )

(b) Kanishka ( )

(c) Chandragupta Maurya ( )

9. Who was the author of *Arthashastra*?

(a) Milinda ( )

(b) Megasthenes ( )

(c) Kautilya ( )

10. Gandhara School of Art flourished during the age of

(a) Mauryas ( )

(b) Kushanas ( )

(c) Guptas ( )

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SECTION—B

( Marks : 15 )

Answer *five* questions in not more than 5 sentences each :

3×5=15

1. What is the Great Bath?

( 6 )

2. Write a note on the Harappan drainage system.



( 7 )

3. What is Ashvamedha?

( 8 )

4. What does the word 'Brahman' signify?

( 9 )

5. What was the central belief among the Ajivikas?

( 10 )

6. What are the three books of the *Tripitaka*?

( 11 )

7. What was the significance of Stupa in Buddhist tradition?

( 12 )

8. Who were the Dhamma-Mahammatas?

( 13 )

9. Who was Gautamiputra Satakarni?

( 14 )

- 10.** What constitutes the export items from Southeast Asia in the post-Mauryan period?

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