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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 : 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. In the Harappan sites, a dockyard was discovered at

- (a) Ropar ()
- (b) Kalibangan ()
- (c) Lothal ()
- (d) Harappa ()

2. The metal which was unknown to the Harappans was

- (a) bronze ()
- (b) gold ()
- (c) silver ()
- (d) iron ()

- 3.** The idea of the soul is called
- (a) Atman ()
 - (b) Karma ()
 - (c) Samsara ()
 - (d) Brahman ()
- 4.** The early Vedic period covers roughly between
- (a) 2500 BCE and 1000 BCE ()
 - (b) 1500 BCE and 1000 BCE ()
 - (c) 1000 BCE and 500 BCE ()
 - (d) 700 BCE and 200 BCE ()
- 5.** The Ajivikas were
- (a) religious sect ()
 - (b) Buddhist scriptures ()
 - (c) Jain monks ()
 - (d) untouchables ()
- 6.** The Indian Prince who opposed Alexander was
- (a) Poros ()
 - (b) Ashoka ()
 - (c) Ambhi ()
 - (d) Chandragupta Maurya ()
- 7.** Rock-cut architecture was first found in
- (a) the Mauryan period ()
 - (b) the post-Mauryan period ()
 - (c) the Sangam period ()
 - (d) the Gupta period ()
- 8.** Who was the last Mauryan king?
- (a) Kunala ()
 - (b) Dasaratha ()
 - (c) Brihadratha ()
 - (d) Bindusara ()

9. The Kushanas were the first rulers in India to issue

- (a) copper-plate inscriptions ()
- (b) gold coins on a large scale ()
- (c) land grants ()
- (d) paper currency ()

10. Kanishka was a great patron of

- (a) Brahmanical Hinduism ()
- (b) Mahayana Buddhism ()
- (c) Hinayana Buddhism ()
- (d) Sufism ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each :

3×5=15

1. (a) What do you mean by paleontology?

OR

(b) What do you mean by *Dhamma*?

2. (a) What is meant by Stridhana?

OR

(b) What do you mean by the terms Gahapati and Setthi?

3. (a) What are the two kinds of States that are mentioned in the list of Mahajanapadas?

OR

(b) What are the five great vows (Panch Mahavrata) for monks and nuns in Jainism?

4. (a) Who was Chandragupta Maurya?

OR

(b) What is *Arthasastra*?

5. (a) What were the Guilds?

OR

(b) What is the importance of the site of Arikamedu for the Indo-Roman trade?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. (a) Discuss the literary sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.

OR

(b) Discuss the decline and continuity of the Harappan culture.

2. (a) Make an analysis of the debate on the origin of the Aryans.

OR

(b) Examine the archaeological and literary records of the material culture of Northern India in the sixth century BCE.

3. (a) Examine the teachings and social implications of Buddhism.

OR

(b) Give an account of the Macedonian invasion and its impacts.

4. (a) What was the extent of the State's control over economic activities in the Mauryan Empire?

OR

(b) Discuss the Mauryan art and architecture.

5. (a) Discuss the history of the Satavahanas.

OR

(b) Discuss the society in early historical South India as reflected by the Sangam literature.

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