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21 MAY 2015

2015

(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

Answer any five questions

- 1. Discuss the sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history with special reference to the literary sources.**
- 2. Examine the characteristic features of the Harappan civilization in terms of religion and political organization.**

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3. Examine the social and political life of the Rig-Vedic period.
4. Examine the transition from Rig-Vedic period to later-Vedic period.
5. What factors underlay the emergence of the Mahajanapadas in the post-Vedic times?
6. Examine the teachings and social implications of Buddhism.
7. Discuss the nature and structure of the Mauryan period.
8. What was the extent of State's control over economic activities in the Mauryan empire?
9. Analyze the growth and development of crafts and guilds in the post-Mauryan period.
10. Examine the development of religion during the post-Mauryan period.

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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. Epigraphy is the study of

(a) coins ()

(b) inscriptions ()

(c) material remains ()

2. The first part of a man's life in the four Ashramas was

(a) Grihastha ()

(b) Vanaprastha ()

(c) Brahmacharya ()

3. The Rig-Vedic period is said to cover the period between

(a) 2500 BCE and 1500 BCE ()

(b) 1500 BCE and 1000 BCE ()

(c) 1000 BCE and 500 BCE ()

4. The most powerful empire of the Mahajanapadas was

(a) Magadha ()

(b) Koshala ()

(c) Vriji ()

5. The only conquest made by Asoka was

- (a) Magadha ()
- (b) Pataliputra ()
- (c) Kalinga ()

6. Arthashastra was written by

- (a) Megasthenes ()
- (b) Kautilya ()
- (c) Hiuen Tsang ()

7. The government under the Mauryas was

- (a) centralized one ()
- (b) decentralized one ()
- (c) None of the above ()

8. Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon at

- (a) Bodh-Gaya ()
- (b) Sarnath ()
- (c) Pataliputra ()

9. 'Puram' in Sangam poem means

- (a) love ()
- (b) war ()
- (c) unity ()

10. 'Dhammamahamatyas' were the officials responsible to maintain

- (a) army ()
- (b) Dhamma ()
- (c) finance ()

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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 three books of the Tripitaka?

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2. What are the roles of the Rig-Vedic Sabha and Samiti?

[Marks : 12]

Answer any five of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each.

1. What are the three books of the Tripitakas?

(a) Patimuttas

9. Part of the Mangum postu...

(a) ...

(b) ...

(c) ...

10. 'Dharmacharyas' were responsible for...

(a) army

(b) Dharmas

(c) ...

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3. What are the three gems (tri-ratna) of Jainism?

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4. What are the two kinds of State that are included in the list of the Mahajanapadas?

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5. What do you know about the Puranas?

6. Who were the Dhammamahamatyas?

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7. Who was Gautamiputra Satakarni?

Write the list of the Mahanapadas?

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8. Write a short note on the Sangam poems:

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9. The earliest inscriptions recording royal grants of land belong to which period?

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10. What is the date given to the advent of the early historical period in South India?

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