

2023

(NEP—2020)

(1st Semester)

HISTORY (MAJOR)

(History of India from Post-Maurya to Gupta Period)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

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

1×10=10

1. Who is the founder of the Satavahana dynasty?

- (a) Simuka ()
- (b) Kanha ()
- (c) Satakarni ()
- (d) Vasishthiputra Pulumavi ()

2. The Ghandhara School of Art was influenced by

- (a) Jainism ()
- (b) Buddhism ()
- (c) Shaivism ()
- (d) Ajivika ()

3. Sangam corpus includes
- (a) six of the eight anthologies of poems ()
 - (b) four of the eight anthologies of poems ()
 - (c) six of the nine anthologies of poems ()
 - (d) four of the nine anthologies of poems ()
4. What was the role of the Kshatriya caste in the Gupta administration?
- (a) Collecting taxes ()
 - (b) Serving as court officials ()
 - (c) Maintaining law and order ()
 - (d) All of the above ()
5. What is the Jati-Dharma?
- (a) The caste system in India ()
 - (b) The promotion of Hinduism ()
 - (c) The spread of Buddhism ()
 - (d) The promotion of Jainism ()
6. Which of the following industries saw a significant boost as a result of land grants under the Guptas?
- (a) Weaving and Textiles ()
 - (b) Mining and Metallurgy ()
 - (c) Agriculture and Irrigation ()
 - (d) Oil and Gas ()
7. What was the purpose of the punch-mark on the Gupta coins?
- (a) To indicate the weight and purity of the metal ()
 - (b) To indicate the denomination of the coin ()
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 - (d) To indicate the year of issue of the coin ()

8. The Chinese traveller Fa-Hien visited India during the Gupta period primarily to
- (a) study Buddhism ()
 - (b) study Indian arts ()
 - (c) study Indian political system ()
 - (d) study Hinduism ()
9. The Gupta period is known for its contribution to the development of
- (a) Pali literature ()
 - (b) Sanskrit literature ()
 - (c) Tamil literature ()
 - (d) Persian literature ()
10. Which Hindu text was composed during the Gupta period and is considered as one of the greatest works of Hindu philosophy?
- (a) The *Rigveda* ()
 - (b) The *Mahabharata* ()
 - (c) The *Upanishads* ()
 - (d) The *Ramayana* ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. What is the importance of the site of Arikamedu for the Indo-Roman trade?
2. Who was Kanishka?

UNIT—II

3. Who was Aryabhatta?
4. What were the primary responsibilities of women in the Gupta society?

UNIT—III

5. What was the Samanta system?
6. What are the implications of the theory of mixed castes (Varnasamkara)?

UNIT—IV

7. What was the significance of the works of Kalidasa?
8. How did Gupta painting contribute to the growth of Indian art?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Discuss the political history of the Satavahanas.
2. Give a brief account of the invasions of the Indo-Greeks, Shakas and the Parthians. What were their impacts?

UNIT—II

3. Examine the social structure of the Guptas.
4. Write an essay on the administration of the Guptas.

UNIT—III

5. Write an essay on the agrarian system of the Gupta period.
6. Give an account of coinage and currency system of the Gupta rulers.

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7. Give an account of the Gupta art and architecture.
8. Why was the age of the Guptas considered as a phase of 'Brahmanical Revival'?

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