

2024

(CBCS)

(2nd Semester)

**HISTORY**

**SECOND PAPER**

**(History of India up to Post-Maurya 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. The study of behaviours and practices of living communities to interpret past communities is called

- (a) paleo-pathology ( ) (b) new archaeology ( )  
(c) ethno-archaeology ( ) (d) archaeometry ( )

2. The metal which was not used by the Harappan people was

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

3. Which one among the following is most widely accepted as the homeland of Indo-Aryans?
- (a) India ( )
- (b) Arctic region ( )
- (c) Eastern Europe (North of the Black Sea) ( )
- (d) Central Europe ( )
4. *Dvija* literally means
- (a) twice-born ( )
- (b) salvation ( )
- (c) liberation ( )
- (d) Brahmanas ( )
5. How many *Mahajanapadas* were there?
- (a) 13 ( )
- (b) 15 ( )
- (c) 16 ( )
- (d) 17 ( )
6. According to the Jain beliefs Mahavira was the
- (a) 1st Tirthankara ( )
- (b) 23rd Tirthankara ( )
- (c) 24th Tirthankara ( )
- (d) 25th Tirthankara ( )
7. Who is the author of *Arthashastra*?
- (a) Kautilya ( )
- (b) Megasthenes ( )
- (c) Ashoka ( )
- (d) Hiuen Tsang ( )
8. *Arthashastra* belongs to which period?
- (a) The Mauryan period ( )
- (b) The post-Mauryan period ( )
- (c) The Sangam period ( )
- (d) The Gupta period ( )
9. The Satavahanas were also known as
- (a) the Andhras ( )
- (b) the Cheras ( )
- (c) the Pandyas ( )
- (d) the Cholas ( )
10. One of the most important sites for India's maritime trade was
- (a) Patan ( )
- (b) Nagara ( )
- (c) Arikamedu ( )
- (d) Surat ( )

**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS )**

**( Marks : 15 )**

Answer the following questions :

**3×5=15**

**UNIT—I**

1. What do you mean by *Dharma*?

**OR**

2. Write on the Harappan drainage system.

**UNIT—II**

3. Who was the *Purohita*?

**OR**

4. What are the *Shabha* and *Samiti* in the Rig-Vedic period?

**UNIT—III**

5. What are the two kinds of States that are mentioned in the list of *Mahajanapadas*?

**OR**

6. What was the most apparent and direct impact of Persian invasion on India?

**UNIT—IV**

7. What was Kautilya?

**OR**

8. Who were the *Dhamma-mahamattas*?

**UNIT—V**

9. Who was Kanishka?

**OR**

10. What are guilds?

**( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )**

**( Marks : 50 )**

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

**UNIT—I**

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

**OR**

2. Discuss the decline and continuity of the Harappan culture.

**UNIT—II**

3. Discuss the debate on the origin of the Aryans.

**OR**

4. Examine the chief features of the later Vedic period.

**UNIT—III**

5. Write on the ascendancy of Magadha and its eventual success over all the other States.

**OR**

6. Examine the teachings and social implications of Buddhism.

**UNIT—IV**

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

**OR**

8. Examine the Mauryan art and architecture.

**UNIT—V**

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

**OR**

10. What was the significance of the Indo-Roman trade?

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