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(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. What are the two Sanskrit epics?

(a) The *Mahabharata* and the *Ramayana* ()

(b) The *Puranas* and the *Dharmashastra* ()

(c) The *Vedas* and the *Smritis* ()

(d) The *Aranyakas* and the *Upanishads* ()

2. The Harappan Civilization belongs to the

(a) Mesolithic Age () (b) Palaeolithic Age ()

(c) Chalcolithic Age () (d) Neolithic Age ()

3. The most important God of the Rig Vedic period was

(a) Indra () (b) Krishna ()

(c) Shiva () (d) Agni ()

4. The idea of soul or inner reality of an individual is called
(a) Karma () (b) Samsara ()
(c) Atman () (d) Brahman ()
5. The rise of Magadha to political supremacy began with
(a) Ajatashatru ()
(b) Bimbisara ()
(c) Siddhartha ()
(d) Chandragupta Maurya ()
6. Ajivikas were
(a) a religious sect ()
(b) Buddhist scriptures ()
(c) Jain monks ()
(d) untouchables ()
7. Who was the author of *Indica*?
(a) Kautilya () (b) Megasthenes ()
(c) Vishakhadatta () (d) Kalhana ()
8. According to Romila Thapar, the Mauryan State was
(a) highly centralized ()
(b) decentralized ()
(c) a loose confederation ()
(d) segmentary ()
9. The Gandhara School of Art was influenced by
(a) Jainism () (b) Buddhism ()
(c) Hinduism () (d) Shaivism ()
10. The Shrenis were
(a) an organized guild of traders ()
(b) traders ()
(c) moneylenders ()
(d) landlords ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWER)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each : 3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. What is ethnography?

OR

2. What do you mean by palaeontology?

UNIT—II

3. What do you mean by Upanayana ceremony?

OR

4. What do you mean by Stridhana?

UNIT—III

5. What are the Four Ashramas?

OR

6. What are the Three Gems (Triratna) of Jainism?

UNIT—IV

7. What do you mean by the 'Saptanga Rajya' in the *Arthashastra*?

OR

8. What are the Greek-Roman texts used for reconstructing the Mauryan period?

UNIT—V

9. What is the importance of the site of Arikamedu for the Indo-Roman trade?

OR

10. Who was Gautamiputra Satakarni?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Write on the importance of literary sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.

OR

2. Examine the characteristic features of the Harappan Civilization with special reference to urban settlement.

UNIT—II

3. Mention, in brief, the chief features of the early Rig Vedic period.

OR

4. Examine the economic and religious life of the Rig Vedic period.

UNIT—III

5. Discuss the reasons for the rise of the heterodox sects.

OR

6. Write what you know about the Macedonian invasion and its impact.

UNIT—IV

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

OR

8. Analyze the decline of the Mauryan Empire.

UNIT—V

9. Write a note on the history and administration of the Kushanas.

OR

10. Discuss the society in early historical South India as reflected by the Sangam literature.

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