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HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 3.2

[History of Assam (5th Century AD to 1228 AD)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

1. Answer the following questions in *one word*
or *one sentence* each : 1×10=10
- (a) In which inscription, found outside Assam, is the first historical kingdom of Ancient Assam mentioned?
 - (b) Which inscription of ancient Assam refers to Balabhadraswami?
 - (c) Name the place from where hundreds of icons of Ancient Assam were discovered.
 - (d) Name the biography of an Indian king in which detailed reference is found about Bhaskaravarman.

- (e) Who were the 'Kayasthas' according to Nidhanpur Inscription?
- (f) What was the main crop of the people of Ancient Assam?
- (g) From which language did the word *bengena* (brinjal) come into Assamese language?
- (h) Which present place of Assam is believed to be Hadappesvara of Ancient Assam?
- (i) How many kings were in Ancient Assam during the rule of the Varmans, Salastambhas and Palas?
- (j) Who was Bakhtiyar Khalji?

2. Answer the following in brief : 2×5=10

- (a) Name the author and the translator of *Si-Yu-ki*.
- (b) What are the *pancha-mahasabdas*?
- (c) Name any two administrative divisions of the Ancient Kamrup kingdom.
- (d) Name any two professional caste groups in Ancient Assam.
- (e) Name any two items which were presented to Harshavardhana by Bhaskaravarman.

3. Write notes on any *four* of the following : 5×4=20

- (a) Da-Parbatiya Gateway
- (b) Kaibartas of Ancient Assam
- (c) Nalanda Clay-seals
- (d) Indrapala
- (e) Trade Routes in Ancient Assam
- (f) Inheritance in Ancient Assam

4. Answer any *four* of the following : 10×4=40

- (a) Survey the epigraphic sources for the study of the history of Ancient Assam.
- (b) Assess the political condition of Ancient Assam during your period of study with reference to the interactions between the rulers of Ancient Assam and their contemporaries.
- (c) Describe the social changes of the life of the people of Ancient Assam.
- (d) Assess the economic changes in Assam during your period of study.
- (e) Describe the growth of different religious sects in Ancient Assam.

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- (f) Describe different divisions of administration of Ancient Assam based on inscription.
- (g) Describe the post-Pala political conditions of Ancient Assam before the coming of the Ahoms.

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