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HISTORY

( Major )

Paper : 1.2

[ History of India (up to AD 300) ]

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 1 word or 1 sentence each : 1×10=10
- (a) What do you understand by the term 'epigraphy'?
  - (b) Who wrote *Rajatarangini*?
  - (c) In which city is the Great Bath located?
  - (d) Name the four *Vedas*.
  - (e) Where did Gautama Buddha deliver his first sermon?

- (f) Name the capital of the Mauryan empire.
- (g) To which tribe did the Kushans belong?
- (h) Who was the founder of the Sunga dynasty?
- (i) What are the first written records of Bactria?
- (j) What is *Nirvana*?

2. Answer the following questions in brief :  $2 \times 5 =$

- (a) What are the Ashokan edicts?
- (b) Name the two divisions of Jainism.
- (c) Who are Dhamma Mahamattas and who appointed them?
- (d) What are Sabha and Samiti?
- (e) Write two factors of the decline of Harappan culture.

3. Write short notes on (any four) :  $5 \times 4 =$

- (a) Harappan Economy
- (b) Varna System in Vedic Society
- (c) *Indika* of Megasthenes

- (d) Gandhara School of Art
- (e) Ashoka's Dhamma
- (f) Sakas

4. Answer any four questions of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Examine the literary sources for the reconstruction of the history of ancient India.
- (b) Enumerate the social, economic and religious life of the Vedic Aryans.
- (c) Critically examine the features of the Paleolithic Age.
- (d) Discuss the main doctrines of Jainism.
- (e) Write what you know about Mauryan administrative system.
- (f) Examine the factors for the decline of the Mauryan empire. How far was Ashoka responsible?
- (g) Give an account of Indo-Roman trade in post-Mauryan period.
- (h) Write a brief essay on Sangam Literature.

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