

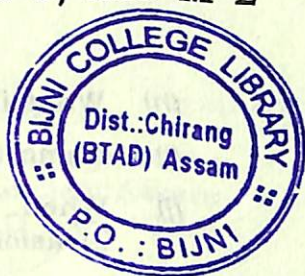
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HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 3.2



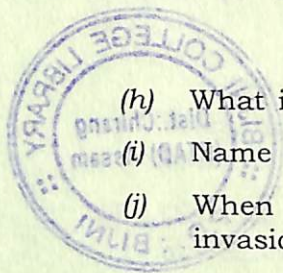
[History of Assam (5th Century AD to 1228 AD)]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence each : 1×10=10
- (a) Who was the author of Harshacharita?
 - (b) Who was Lo-stunpa?
 - (c) Name a book on Tantra that was composed in Kamarupa.
 - (d) Who built the city of Durijjaya?
 - (e) Who was the founder of the Pala dynasty?
 - (f) Who issued the Kamauli grant?
 - (g) What was the copper temple of Sadiya popularly known as?



- (h) What is a *Tulapurusadana*?
(i) Name the author of *Tabaqat-i-Nasiri*.
(j) When did the first Turko-Afghan invasion of Kamarupa take place?

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

- (a) Name two archaeological sites of ancient Assam belonging to the Tezpur region.
(b) What do you understand by the term Varnasrama Dharma?
(c) Name any two land grants issued by the Salastambha dynasty.
(d) Name two professional castes of ancient Assam.
(e) Write a short note on the reign of Harshadeva of the Salastambha dynasty.

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

- (a) *Kalika Purana*
(b) Hiuen Tsang's description of Kamarupa
(c) Position of women in ancient Assam
(d) Trade routes of ancient Assam
(e) Bhaskar Varman's relation with Harshavardhana
(f) Harjaravarmana

4. Answer any *four* of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Discuss the importance of inscription as a source of the history of ancient Assam from 5th century AD to 12th century AD.
- (b) Discuss briefly the religion of ancient Assam. In what respect can the influence of the non-Aryans be traced in it?
- (c) Give an account of the economic condition of early Assam.
- (d) Critically assess the reign of Ratnapala.
- (e) "Dharmapala was one of the greatest rulers of the Pala dynasty." Elucidate.
- (f) Discuss the main features of the administration of early Assam.
- (g) Give a brief account of the political condition of Kamarupa after the decline of the Pala dynasty.
- (h) Determine the boundary of the Kamarupa-Pragjyotisha kingdom with reference to your sources of information.

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