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HISTORY

Paper : HISHC1026

[History of India (Earliest to 300 CE)]

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any six)**

1×6=6

(a) India is surrounded in the South by the—

(i) Bay of Bengal

(ii) Indian Ocean

(iii) Arabian Sea

(iv) Pacific Ocean

Contd.

(b) The main occupation of the people during the Paleolithic age was -

- (i) Agriculture
- (ii) Cattle rearing
- (iii) Hunting and gathering
- (iv) Trading

(c) *Indica* was written by—

- (i) Kautilya
- (ii) Megasthenes
- (iii) Kalidas
- (iv) Strabo

(d) In which state of India is Dholavira located ?

- (i) Gujarat
- (ii) Rajasthan
- (iii) Madhya Pradesh
- (iv) Odisha

(e) Name the oldest religious book of India.

- (i) The Ramayana
- (ii) The Mahabharata
- (iii) The Puranas
- (iv) The Rig Veda

(f) Who was the last ruler of the Mauryan Dynasty ?

- (i) Brihadratha
- (ii) Kunala
- (iii) Bindusara
- (iv) Ashoka

(g) Name the Neolithic site found in Assam.

- (i) Mehargarh
- (ii) Pandu Rajar Dhibi
- (iii) Daojali Hading
- (iv) Bhimbetka

(h) Who was the greatest ruler of the Kushanas ?

(i) Kujula Kadphises

(ii) Vima Takto

(iii) Vima Kadphises

(iv) Kanishka

(i) Name the Mauryan ruler who was known as Piyadasi.

(i) Chandragupta Maurya

(ii) Bindusara

(iii) Ashoka

(iv) Brihadratha

(j) The language of Sangam literature was -

(i) Tamil

(ii) Telegu

(iii) Malayalam

(iv) Kannadi

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

(a) Mention *any two* characteristics of Neolithic Age.

(b) What are the *two* main sources to know about the Mauryan Empire ?

(c) Name the *two* intoxicating drinks consumed by the early Vedic people.

(d) What do you mean by Archeology ?

(e) Mention *any two* sources of income of the royal treasury of the Mauryan empire.

(f) Who was Menander ? By whom Menander was converted to Buddhism ?

(g) Give *any two* reasons for the decline of Indus Valley Civilization.

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

(a) Discuss the literary sources for the reconstruction of the history of Ancient India.

(b) Discuss briefly about the social condition of the Harappan culture.

- (c) Write about the importance of 'Sabha' and 'Samiti' prevailed during Vedic Age.
- (d) Write briefly about the effects of Alexander's invasion of India.
- (e) Whom do you consider as the greatest ruler of the Kushanas and why?
- (f) Discuss about how the invention of fire changed the life of primitive people.
- (g) How was the position of women during Sangam Age? Discuss.
- (h) Give a brief description of the geographical background of Ancient India.
- (i) What do you know about the town planning system of the Indus Valley people? Discuss.
- (j) Make an estimate of Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of Mauryan Dynasty.

4. Answer the following questions: **(any two)**
10×2=20

- (a) Write briefly about the Mauryan administrative system.

- (b) Mention the salient features of the Neolithic Age.
- (c) Give an account of the impact of Indo-Greek rule in India.
- (d) Give an account of the foreign trade during the Indus Valley Civilization.

5. Answer the following questions : **(any one)**
14×1=14

- (a) Discuss the political, social and economic life of the people in the Rig Vedic Age.
- (b) Give an account of the Dhamma of Ashoka. How far Ashoka was responsible for the downfall of the Mauryan empire.
- (c) How was the social and religious life of the people during later Vedic period?