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(Held in 2024)

HISTORY

Paper : HISMAJ1014

(Introduction to Ancient Indian History)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Choose the correct answer : 1×8=8

(a) What does the term Neolithic mean?

- (i) Old stone 12 (i)
- (ii) Microlithic 14 (ii)
- (iii) Middle stone 16 (iii)
- (iv) New stone 18 (iv)

(2)

- (b) Harappan Civilization was a/an _____ civilization.
- (i) rural
 - (ii) nucleus-city
 - (iii) urban
 - (iv) coastal-city
- (c) Find out the female philosopher in the Vedic Age.
- (i) Gargi
 - (ii) Kubera Naga
 - (iii) Pravabhati Gupta
 - (iv) Maitreya
- (d) Mention the number of Mahajanapadas existed during the 6th century BC.
- (i) 12
 - (ii) 14
 - (iii) 16
 - (iv) 18

(3)

- (e) Which were the two important Republican States in the 6th century BC?
- (i) Kosala and Magadha
 - (ii) Avanti and Vatsa
 - (iii) Kasi and Cheddi
 - (iv) Vriji and Malla
- (f) How many members and committees were present in the Mauryan Municipal Administration?
- (i) 20 members 5 committees
 - (ii) 40 members 8 committees
 - (iii) 30 members 6 committees
 - (iv) 10 members 2 committees
- (g) The famous political drama, *Devichandraguptam* was written by
- (i) Mudrarakshasa
 - (ii) Kalidasa
 - (iii) Fa-Hien
 - (iv) Kamandaka

(h) Who was known as the 'Napoleon' of India?

(i) Chandragupta Maurya

(ii) Samudra Gupta

(iii) Chanakya

(iv) Chandragupta II

2. Answer any six of the following questions :

2×6=12

(a) Find out two basic differences of tools between Palaeolithic Age and Neolithic Age.

(b) What do the terms 'Janapadas' and 'Mahajanapadas' mean?

(c) How many Vedangas are there in the Vedic literature? Write any one Vedanga.

(d) Who was Megasthenes? When did he come to India?

(e) Who followed the policy of 'Digvijay and Dharmavijay'? Find out its differences.

(f) Who was Kalidasa? Mention one literary work of Kalidasa.

(g) When did the Hunas invade India? Write the name of the Hunas leaders.

(h) What is the Samanta system?

3. Write short notes on any six of the following :

5×6=30

(a) Neolithic Age and its importance of evolution of human civilization

(b) Position of woman during the Vedic Age

(c) Vedic literature

(d) Kautilya's Arthashastra

(e) Importance of Gupta's matrimonial alliance

(f) Fa-Hien's account

(g) Art and architecture of Rashtrakuta dynasty

(h) Results of Arab invasion to India

(i) Social condition of the Gupta period

4. Answer any two of the following questions :

10×2=20

(a) Systematically analyze the town planning of the Indus Valley Civilization.

(b) Explain the administrative system of the Mauryan Empire.

- (c) "Gupta Empire has been often called golden age of Indian history". Justify your answer.
- (d) Find out the various causes of the downfall of the Gupta dynasty.
