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2015

HISTORY (Honours)

First Paper

Full Marks : 100

Time : Four Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Category - I**

Answer any *two* questions within 750 words each.

20×2

1. Discuss the importance of archaeological sources for the reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 20

2. Analyse the Socio-economic condition of Rig-Vedic period. Do you notice any change in Later Vedic Period ? 12+8

3. Who were the Kushanas ? Make an estimate of the achievements of Kaniska I. 4+16

4. Examine the Gupta expansion policy under Samudragupta. How far was his policy innovative ? 15+5

**Category - II**

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each.

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5. What were the chief features of Neolithic culture ? 10

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6. Write a short note on Indo-Roman trade in the 2nd Century A.D. 10
7. Do you think that Skandagupta may be called the 'Saviour of India' ? 10
8. Write a short account of Sangam Literature during the period of your study. 10

**Category - III**

Write in short on any *four* of the following : 5×4

9. Pre history and Proto history. 5
10. Indus Seal. 5
11. Sabha and Samiti. 5
12. Middle Path. 5
13. Megasthenes. 5
14. Milinda Panho. 5

**Category - IV**

15. Answer any *ten* questions : 2×10
- (a) Mention the names of four indigenous literary sources.
- (b) Name two non-Indian civilization in the time of Indus Valley Civilization.
- (c) Mention the names of four major cities of Harappan Civilization.
- (d) Who was Pliny ? Mention the name of his book.

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- (e) What do you mean by Tripitaka ?
- (f) What is Stupa ?
- (g) What do you mean by the term Aryan ?
- (h) Who convoked Fourth Buddhist Council and why ?
- (i) Who was Bilhana ?
- (j) Who were Dharmamahamatras ?
- (k) Who was Kautilya ? Mention the name of his famous book.
- (l) Who was Rudradamana ?
- (m) Write the name of two Huna leader.
- (n) Mention the name of two chinese travellers who visited India during Gupta period.
- (o) Who was Banabhatta ? What was his important work ?

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Second Paper

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**Category - I**

Answer any *two* questions within 750 words each.

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1. Bring out the chief features of Chola administration.

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2. Which Sultan is identified as the real founder of the Delhi Sultanate and why ?

2+18

3. Analyse the economic reforms of Firoz Shah Tughluq. Would you regard him as the 'Akbar of his Age' ?

14+6

4. How would you explain the growing popularity of Sufism in early medieval India ? Emphasise in this regard on the role of Chisti and Suhrawardi Silsilas.

10+10

**Category - II**

Answer any *two* questions within 350 words each.

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5. Give reasons for the failure of Razia as Sovereign.

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6. Discuss the significance of Hussain Sahi rule in Bengal. 10
7. Write a short note on taxation policy of the Sultanate. 10
8. Write a note on Mahmud Gawan of Bahamoni Kingdom. 10

**Category - III**

Write in short on any *four* of the following. 5×4

9. Matsyanaya.
10. Ziauddin Baroni.
11. Malik Kafur.
12. Kabir.
13. Second Battle of Tarain.
14. Qabuliats and Pattas.

**Category - IV**

15. Answer any *ten* questions : 2×10
- (a) Who was Atish Dipankar ?
- (b) Who wrote Gitagobinda and what was its content ?
- (c) Who constructed the tower Qutb-Minar and when ?
- (d) What were Jizya and Zakat ?

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- (e) Mention two books written by Krishna Deva Roy.
- (f) Who was Ibn Batuta and what was the name of his famous book ?
- (g) What do you mean by the term 'Khalifa' ?
- (h) Who introduced Kulinism and why ?
- (i) When did the battle of Khanwa take place and between whom ?
- (j) Who was Raja Ganesh ?
- (k) Mention four foreign travellers who came in Vijayanagar Empire.
- (l) What were the duties of Iqtadar ?
- (m) What do you mean by Tripartite struggle ?
- (n) Mention two important cities founded by Feroz Shah Tughluq.
- (o) What do you mean by 'Sijda' and 'Paibos' ?