

2023
HISTORY
(Honours Core Course)
HIST-HCC-2016
(History of Indian - II)
Total Marks : 60
Time : 3 Hours

Total number of printed pages - 3

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Choose the correct option from the following: 1×7=7
- (a) Which among the following sites of the Bengal delta provide evidence of terracotta artefacts belonging to the period 300 BCE-300 CE?
- (i) Sialkot (ii) Taxila
(iii) Sisupalgarh (iv) Chandraketugarh
- (b) Which among the following served as a premiere port town under the Cholas during 300 BCE-300 CE?
- (i) Kanchipuram (ii) Puhar
(iii) Madurai (iv) Vanji
- (c) Leader of caravan merchants was known as –
- (i) Vanik (ii) Jetthaka
(iii) Vaddhakis (iv) Sarthavaha

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- (d) The Bhitari Pillar Inscription belong to which of the following rulers of the Gupta empire?
- (i) Chandragupta II (ii) Kumaragupta
(iii) Skandagupta (iv) Purugupta
- (e) The practice of Metronymics is associated with which of the following dynasties?
- (i) Chalukyas (ii) Pallavas
(iii) Satavahanas (iv) Kushanas
- (f) Which among the following rulers adopted the title of *Vatapikonda*?
- (i) Pulakesin II
(ii) Vikramaditya I
(iii) Narasimhavarman
(iv) Yasovarman
- (g) Akaradhyaksha in the Mauryan Empire was the director of –
- (i) Mines (ii) Salt
(iii) Agriculture (iv) Armoury
2. Answer the following questions in brief: $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) What is the significance of the Rumindei Pillar Inscription of Asoka?
- (b) What were *devakulas*?
- (c) Mention two significant changes during 300 BCE-300 CE that crystallized the process of social stratification in early India.
- (d) What was the political significance of the Gupta gold coin of Chandragupta I ?

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3. Write short notes (Any three): $5 \times 3 = 15$
- (a) Saka-Satavahana rivalry
(b) Asoka's Dhamma
(c) The *Indica* of Megasthenese
(d) Decline of the Gupta Empire
(e) Agrahara settlements
4. Answer the following (Any three): $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) Enumerate on the process of urbanization and urban growth in India during 300 BCE-300 CE with suitable examples.
- (b) Throw light on the nature of the Mauryan polity. How far were the Mauryas able to exercise centralized control in the functioning of the polity?
- (c) Critically examine the process of agrarian expansion in the context of the land grants during the Gupta period. To what extent did the practice of landgrants restructure the economy under the Guptas?
- (d) Trace the rise of Kushana power under Kanishka.
- (e) Throw light on the salient features of India's trade with the Roman Empire during 300 BCE-300 CE.

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