

2024

HISTORY

(Honours Discipline Specific)

HIST-HDS-5016

History of Assam (Upto C. 1228)

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) The word 'Paralauhitya' occurs in which of the following texts?
- (i) Ramayana (ii) Mahabharata
(iii) Arthashastra (iv) Periplus of the Erythraean Sea
- (b) Which among the following mythical rulers of Assam fought on Duryodhana's side in the Kurukshetra War?
- (i) Naraka (ii) Bhisma
(iii) Bhagadatta (iv) Ghatakasura
- (c) The Silimpur stone slab inscription belongs to which ruler?
- (i) Kumarapala (ii) Ramapala
(iii) Jayapala (iv) Devapala
- (d) Which is the earliest datable inscription of early Assam?
- (i) Nidhanpur copper plate
(ii) Umachal Rock inscription

- (iii) Pushpabhadra grant
(iv) Caratbari copper plate
- (e) Which inscription records about the construction of an asrama?
(i) Doobi copper plate
(ii) Tezpur rock inscription
(iii) Barganga rock inscription
(iv) Khonamukh plates
- (f) Vyavaharim denoted –
(i) Clerk (ii) Law officer
(iii) Governor (iv) Treasurer
- (g) How many kings ruled in the Salastambha family?
(i) 17 (ii) 18 (iii) 21 (iv) 24
2. Answer the following in brief : $2 \times 4 = 8$
(a) What is the historical significance of the Nidhanpur copper plate inscription?
(b) Who was Bhismaka?
(c) What information about Naraka is found in the epic Ramayana?
(d) Name two inscriptions of early Assam that begins with an adoration to the Boar form of Vishnu.
3. Write short notes (any three) : $5 \times 3 = 15$
(a) Rule of Ratnapala
(b) Inscriptions of Harjaravarman

- (c) The Da-Parbatiya door-frame
(d) The Yogini Tantra
(e) Alliance between Bhaskaravarman and Harshavardhana
4. Answer the following questions (any three) : $10 \times 3 = 30$
(a) Enumerate on the Naraka legend discussed in the Kalika Purana. What is its historical importance?
(b) Give an account of the literary sources of the history of ancient Assam.
(c) Trace the factors responsible for the disintegration of the kingdom of Pragjyotisha-Kamarupa. How did it transform the political landscape of early Assam?
(d) Throw light on the evolution of Vaishnavism as a religion in early Assam.
(e) Discuss the different waves of migration in the Brahmaputra Valley in the early Period.

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