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HISTORY
(Honours)
HIST-HCC-3016
HISTORY OF INDIA III (c. 750 -1206)
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) Who among the following was the proponent of the Segmentary State Model?
- (i) Hermann Kulke (ii) B.D. Chattopadhyaya
(iii) Burton Stein (iv) R.S. Sharma
- (b) The drama *Ramacharita* of Sandhyakaranandin revolves around which among the following rulers?
- (i) Gopala (ii) Dharmapala
(iii) Ramapala (iv) Devapala
- (c) Who is the author of the *Vikramankadevacharita*?
- (i) Sudraka (ii) Bhasa
(iii) Bilhana (iv) Banabhatta
- (d) Which among the following was the representative of the *nadu* in the Chola political structure?
- (i) Ur (ii) Sabha (iii) Nattar (iv) Valanadu

- (e) The term *churni* denoted
- (i) Money (ii) Land (iii) Temple (iv) Port
- (f) The Brihadisvara temple is associated with which of the following dynasties?
- (i) Rashtrakutas (ii) Cholas
(iii) Chalukyas (iv) Pallavas
- (g) Tantric Buddhism was also known as-
- (i) Hinayana (ii) Mahayana
(iii) Vajrayana (iv) Mahasangika
2. Answer the following questions briefly: $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) State two salient features of the local administration under the Cholas.
- (b) Why was legitimacy an important aspect of the relationship between the brahmanas and the kshatriyas during the early medieval period?
- (c) Mention two significant features of the early medieval agrarian economy that became the basis of the Feudalism theory.
- (d) Who were the Gurjara- Pratiharas?
3. Answer *any three* of the following questions: $5 \times 3 = 15$
- (a) What do you understand by proliferation of jatis? How did their emergence change the social structure during the early medieval period?
- (b) Examine the salient features of Tantric form of Buddhism of the early medieval period.
- (c) Throw light on the 'Integrative Polity' model in the context of the land grants during the early medieval period.
- (d) Give an account on the Arab invasion of Sindh.

- (e) Give a brief description of the maritime long distance trade in north India during the early medieval period.
4. Answer *any three* of the following questions: $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) "The early medieval age in the historiography of Indian feudalism is said to have ushered in widespread decay of urban centres". Give a critique of this statement in the light of the debates associated with the decay of urban centres and de- monetisation of the early medieval economy.
- (b) Discuss the emergence of regional temple styles during the early medieval period.
- (c) Throw light on the rise of the Rajputs and examine the nature of their political structure.
- (d) How did patronage to temples strengthen the institution of legitimacy and kingship in early medieval India? Discuss with suitable examples.
- (e) Examine the distinctive religious developments within the domain of Puranic Hinduism in the early medieval period.

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