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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) Which among the following Tantric works mention Kâmaūpa as a Sâkta-pîtha?

(i) Kalika Purana

(ii) Hevajra Tantra

(iii) Yogini Tantra

(iv) Haragaurî Samvâda

(b) The traditional boundaries of Pragjyotish-Kâma pa finds mention in which of the following texts?

(i) Kalika Purana

(ii) Arttashastra

(iii) Yogini Tantra

(iv) Si-Yu-Ki

(c) The army of which among the following rulers of early Assam consisted of Chînas and Kiratas?

(i) Naraka

(ii) Vajradatta

(iii) Bhagadatta

(iv) Banasura

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- (d) Which among the following regions denoted North Bengal in the early history of Assam?
- (i) Chandrapuri (ii) Vidarbha
(iii) Pundravardhana (iv) Karatoya
- (e) Which among the following pithas was located between the Karatoya and the Svarnakoshî according to the Haragaurîsamvâda?
- (i) Ratna-pitha (ii) Saumara-pitha
(iii) Kama-pitha (iv) Svrana-pitha
- (f) Which among the following epigraphs mention about king Bhutivarman's donation of rent-free land called May rasalmala?
- (i) Dooli copper plate (ii) Nidhanpur copper plate
(iii) Bargaon copper plate (iv) Tezpur grant
- (g) Which among the following epigraphs records the rebuilding of the temple of Hetuka-S lin by king Vanamalavarman?
- (i) Bargaon copper plate (ii) Pushpabhadra grant
(iii) Parvatuya copper plate (iv) Subhankarapataka grant
2. Answer the following questions in brief : $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) Who were the Kiratas?
(b) State two significant features of the Mongoloid racial group.
(c) What light does the Nidhanpur copper plate grant of Bhaskaravaman throw on the political scenario of early Assam?

- (d) What is the importance of the Bargaon copper plate grant of Ratnapala?
3. Write short notes on any three of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$
- (a) The Naraka legend in the Kalika Purana.
(b) The Si-Yu-Ki
(c) The Hayungthal plate of Harjaravarman.
(d) The accession of Pusyavarman.
(e) Stone jars of Dima-Hasao.
4. Answer any three of the following questions : $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) Evaluate the importance of the Kamauli grant in the history of early Assam.
(b) Make an estimata of the reign of king Mahabhuti Varman.
(c) Discuss the evolution of Saktism as a religious cult and its importance in the religious history of early Assam.
(d) Give a brief background on the origion and antiquity of the kingdom of Pragjyotisha-Kâma pa.
(e) Discuss the significance of the indigenous literary sources in understanding the history of early Assam.

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