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(NEP-2020)

(1st Semester)

HISTORY (MAJOR/MINOR)

(History of India up to Maurya Period)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The Harappan Civilization belongs to the

- (a) Mesolithic Age () (b) Paleolithic Age ()
(c) Chalcolithic Age () (d) Neolithic Age ()

2. Numismatics is the study of

- (a) inscriptions () (b) coins ()
(c) archaeological remains () (d) artefacts ()

3. The Great Bath was found in

- (a) Mohenjo-daro () (b) Harappa ()
(c) Lothal () (d) Kalibangan ()

4. Later Vedic period is also known as
- (a) Ochre Coloured Pottery (OCP) culture ()
- (b) Painted Grey Ware (PGW) culture ()
- (c) Northern Black Polished Ware (NBP/NBPW) culture ()
- (d) Painted Black Ware (PBW) culture ()
5. Which of the following played the most important part in Later Vedic economy?
- (a) Agriculture () (b) Cattle-breeding ()
- (c) Trade and commerce () (d) Industry ()
6. A major concern of Upanishadic thought is to explore and explain the meaning and relationship between
- (a) Brahman and Samsara ()
- (b) Atman and Moksha ()
- (c) Brahman and Atman ()
- (d) Samsara and Moksha ()
7. The rise of Magadha to political supremacy began with
- (a) Ajatashatru () (b) Bimbisara ()
- (c) Siddhartha () (d) Chandragupta ()
8. Gautama Buddha preached his first sermon at
- (a) Lumbini () (b) Sarnath ()
- (c) Kapilavastu () (d) Kosala ()
9. *Manu Smriti* is a book of
- (a) law () (b) poetry ()
- (c) history () (d) science ()
10. Who was the founder of the Mauryan Empire?
- (a) Ashoka () (b) Kautilya ()
- (c) Chandragupta Maurya () (d) Bindusara ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. What are artefacts?
2. Describe briefly on the Harappan drainage system.

UNIT—II

3. Who was the Purohita?
4. What is meant by Stri-dhana?

UNIT—III

5. What was the most apparent and direct impact of Persian invasion on India?
6. What are the three books of the *Tripitaka* / *Tipitaka*?

UNIT—IV

7. What do you mean by the concept of Saptanga Rajya in *Arthashastra*?
8. Write a few lines on the Mauryan coins.

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Give an account of the archaeological sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.
2. Examine the social, economic and political activities of the Indus Civilization.

UNIT—II

3. Examine the chief features of the Rig Vedic period.
4. What are the material and ideological background of the Upanishads?

UNIT—III

5. Examine the teachings and social implications of Buddhism.
6. Give an account of the Macedonian invasion and its impacts.

UNIT—IV

7. What was the nature and structure of the Mauryan Empire?
8. Analyze the decline of the Mauryan Empire.
