

2025

(CBCS)

(3rd Semester)

HISTORY

THIRD PAPER

[History of India (Gupta to Sultanate Periods)]

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. Who assumed the title of 'Vikramaditya'?

- (a) Skandagupta ()
- (b) Chandragupta I ()
- (c) Samudragupta ()
- (d) Chandragupta II ()

2. Women during the Gupta period

- (a) received good education ()
- (b) enjoyed equal status with men ()
- (c) were given secondary position ()
- (d) could become priests ()

3. The Tripartite Struggle between powers which lasted for nearly a century resulted in the victory of

- (a) Gurjara-Pratiharas ()
- (b) Rashtrakutas ()
- (c) Chalukyas ()
- (d) Palas ()

4. The king of Kamarupa during the reign of Harshavardhana was

- (a) Shashanka ()
- (b) Rudrasena II ()
- (c) Bhaskaravarman ()
- (d) Chandragupta ()

5. Who among the following used the 'segmentary' model instead of 'feudal' theory for the study of medieval India?
- (a) Noboru Karashima ()
 - (b) Burton Stein ()
 - (c) T. V. Mahalingam ()
 - (d) Kesavan Veluthat ()
6. Administration of the Cholas was based on
- (a) local self-government ()
 - (b) Panchayat system ()
 - (c) district administration ()
 - (d) autonomous village administration ()
7. The Arab conquest of Sindh took place in AD 712 under the leadership of
- (a) Qutub-ud-din ()
 - (b) Subuktagin ()
 - (c) Muhammad bin Qasim ()
 - (d) Mahmud Ghaznavi ()
8. Who adopted the 'Blood and Iron' policy?
- (a) Iltutmish ()
 - (b) Ala-ud-din Khalji ()
 - (c) Balban ()
 - (d) Firoz Shah Tughlaq ()
9. The foundation of the Portuguese empire in India laid when they controlled Goa in
- (a) 1505 CE ()
 - (b) 1510 CE ()
 - (c) 1515 CE ()
 - (d) 1520 CE ()
10. *Taraf* in the Bahmani kingdom signified
- (a) province ()
 - (b) land grant ()
 - (c) transit tax ()
 - (d) gold coin ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Who was Aryabhatta?

OR

2. What is Jatidharma?

UNIT—II

3. Write on the Samanta system of the Gupta period.

OR

4. Who was Amoghavarsha?

UNIT—III

5. Who was Mahendravarman I?

OR

6. What is Brahmadeya?

UNIT—IV

7. Why was the first dynasty of the Delhi Sultanate called the 'Slave Dynasty'?

OR

8. Who were the *Ulemas*?

UNIT—V

9. How would you evaluate the contribution of Krishnadevaraya?

OR

10. Who was Mahmud Gawan?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Discuss the administrative structure of the Gupta empire.

OR

2. Evaluate the structure of society under the Guptas.

UNIT—II

3. Write what you know about Bhaskaravarman of ancient Assam.

OR

4. Give the account of Hiuen Tsang's (Xuanzang) on the condition of India.

UNIT—III

5. Discuss the administration of the Cholas.

OR

6. How and why did temples represent a most revolutionary and forward-looking force in south India?

UNIT—IV

7. Discuss the nature and impact of the invasion of Muhammad of Ghori.

OR

8. Write an essay on the *Iqta* system.

UNIT—V

9. Write on the development of architecture during the Delhi Sultanate period.

OR

10. Enumerate on the Bhakti Movement during medieval Indian society.
