

2021

HISTORY

PAPER-I

Time Allowed—3 Hours

Full Marks—200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and remaining ones ignored.

*Answers may be given either in **English** or in **Bengali** but all answers must be in one and same language.*

Group-A

1. Answer *any three* questions: 10×3=30
 - (a) Discuss the importance of Inscriptions in unearthing the history of Ancient India.
 - (b) How do you explain the rise of Magadha empire in the 6th century B.C.?
 - (c) How far Asoka was responsible for the decline of the Mouryan empire?
 - (d) What were the fundamental principles of Buddhism?
2. Answer *any two* questions: 20×2=40
 - (a) Write an essay on the urban life of the Indus Valley Civilization.
 - (b) Give an overview on the cultural contributions of the Kushana dynasty.
 - (c) Write a short note on provincial administration in Gupta period.
 - (d) What do you know about the development of Sangam literature?
3. Write an essay on *any one*: 30×1=30
 - (a) Expansion of Indian culture in South-Asian countries in ancient times.
 - (b) Role of guilds in Ancient Indian trade.
 - (c) Position of women in Ancient Indian society.

Group-B

4. Answer *any three* questions: 10×3=30
 - (a) Do you think Illutmish was the real founder of Delhi Sultanate?
 - (b) Discuss the importance of *Khalji* revolution.
 - (c) What do you know about Shivaji's finance and revenue?
 - (d) How did the foreign travellers describe the Vijaynagar empire?

5. Answer *any two* questions:

20×2=40

- (a) Explain the role of trade in the economy of the sultanate period.
- (b) Discuss the Rajput policy of Akbar and its impact.
- (c) Do you agree with the view that 'agrarian crisis' was the main factor behind the downfall of the Mughal empire?
- (d) Analyse the salient features of the *Bhakti* movement.

6. Write an essay on *any one*:

30×1=30

- (a) The evolution of Iqta system during the Sultanate period.
 - (b) Development of science and technology under the Mughals.
 - (c) Social conditions of India in Eighteenth century.
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