

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) Why are the foreign accounts of India useful for the writing of Indian History?
 - (b) Discuss the geographical extent and town planning of the Harappan civilization.
 - (c) How far Asoka was responsible for the downfall of the Mauryan empire?
 - (d) Write a short note on Gandhara Art.
2. Answer any two questions: 20×2=40
 - (a) Write briefly about the expansion of the foreign trade in the reign of Satavahana.
 - (b) Review the cultural progress of the ancient India in the Gupta period.
 - (c) Write a short note on urbanization in Ancient India.
3. Answer any one question: 30×1=30
 - (a) Write an essay on origin and development of feudalism in Ancient India.
 - (b) Discuss briefly the condition of women in Ancient India from Vedic age to Gupta age.

Group-B

4. Answer any three questions: 10×3=30
 - (a) Write a short note on the land revenue system of Alauddin Khilji.
 - (b) Was the Delhi Sultanate a theocratic state?
 - (c) Discuss briefly the achievements of Mahmud Gawan as a maker of Bahmani kingdom.
 - (d) Discuss the main features of India's commercial contacts with South-East Asia in early Medieval India.

5. Answer *any two* questions:

20×2=40

- (a) Review the impact of Bhakti movement on Indian society.
- (b) Critically discuss the economic condition of Vijaynagar empire.
- (c) Discuss the major architectural achievements of the Sultanate period.

6. Answer *any one* question:

30×1=30

- (a) Write an essay on the consolidation of the Mughal empire under Akbar.
 - (b) Make an overview upon the social life under the Mughals.
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