

Broad Question - 2014

1st Semester Exam.

HISTORY

1. (a) Discuss the value of inscriptions and coins as sources for reconstruction of the history of ancient India.

Or

(b) How did the Mauryans organize their central and provincial administration?

2. (a) Who were the Satavahanas? Make an assessment of their greatest king.

Or

(b) Describe the social and economic conditions of the Gupta empire.

3. (a) Make an estimate of Sasanka as a conqueror and an administrator.

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(b) Discuss the causes and nature of the Kaivarta Revolt.

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(b) Discuss the causes and nature of the Kaivarta Revolt.

4. (a) Discuss the maritime activities of the Cholas.

Or

(b) Examine the causes and impact of Ghorian invasions of North India.

Broad Question - 2015

1st Semester Exam.

HISTORY

1. (a) How did the later-Vedic Civilization' differ from the 'early-Vedic Civilization' with regard to social and economic life?

Or

(b) Discuss the social and religious backgrounds of the rise of protest movements in ancient India.

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Or

(b) Narrate the contribution of Nalanda and Vikramashila to the field of education in ancient India.

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3. (a) Discuss the achievements of Harshavardhana with reference to his conflict with Sasanka.

Or

(b) Narrate the sociocultural conditions of Bengal during the Sena Age.

4. (a) Write a note on Pallava Art and Culture.

Or

(b) Why did the Arabs invade India? What was its impact on Indian polity and society?

Broad Question - 2016

1st Semester Exam.

HISTORY

1. (a) Make a comparative study of Jainism and Buddhism.

Or

(b) Discuss the features of Asoka's 'Dhamma'.

2. Discuss the causes of the downfall of the Guptas.

Or

(b) Examine the nature of education system in ancient India.

3. (a) Discuss the achievements of Harshavardhana with special reference to the cultural development during his reign.

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Or

(b) Examine the causes and impact of the Ghaznavid and Ghorian invasions.

Broad Question - 2017

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HISTORY

1. (a) Evaluate the importance of literary sources in writing ancient Indian history.

Or

(b) Examine the factors leading to the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.

2. (a) who were the Satavahanas? Assess the achievements of their greatest king.

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3. (a) Who was the leader of Kaivarta Revolt? Discuss the causes and impact of this revolt.

Or

(b) Who was the first historical ruler of Bengal? Assess his contribution to the rise of Gouda. (Sasanka)

4. (a) Make an assessment on the developments of architecture and sculpture under the Pallavas in South India.

Or

(b) Who were the Chalukyas of Batapi? Discuss the achievements of their greatest king.

Broad Question - 2018

1st Semester Exam.

HISTORY

1. (a) Discuss the importance of coins and inscriptions as the sources of ancient Indian history.

Or

(b) Analyze the features of the Mauryan administration.

2. (a) Discuss the achievements of Kanishka as a ruler with special emphasis on his role as patron of Buddhism.

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3. (a) Mention the sources of history related to the reign of Harshavardhana. Evaluate his reign.

Or

(b) Discuss the consolidation of Pala rule in Bengal under Dharmapala and Devapala.

4. (a) Examine the nature of Chola administration with special reference to Local Self Government.

Or

(b) Analyze the reasons behind the success of the Turkish invasion in India. What were its results?

Broad Question - 2019

1st Semester Exam.

HISTORY

1. (a) Discuss the salient features of the Harappan Civilization.

Or

(b) Discuss the principles of Ashoka's 'Dhamma'.

2. (a) Give an account of the reign of Gautamiputra Satakarni.

Or

(b) Discuss the education system in Nalanda and Vikramashila.

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(b) Discuss the socio-cultural condition of Bengal under the Sena Dynasty.

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4. (a) Discuss the achievements of Pulakeshi II.

Or

(b) Analyze the background and impact of the Arab invasion in India.

TDP (General) 1st Semester Exam., 2021
(Held in 2022)

HISTORY
(General)

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable*

GROUP—A

Answer the following questions : 2×20=40

- 1. Who was Megasthenes? Name the famous book written by him.**
- 2. Where was Gautama Buddha born? What are the two important Sects of Buddhism?**
- 3. Who was the founder of the Mauryan Empire? Name the capital of the Mauryan Empire.**
- 4. Name two Great Epics of ancient India.**

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5. What is the meaning of Mohenjo-daro?
Where is it situated?
6. Name the Gupta king who is called as 'Indian Napoleon'. Mention one of his achievements.
7. Who were the Kushanas?
8. Who founded the Vikramashila University?
Where is it situated?
9. Name any two books written by Kalidasa.
10. Who were the Satavahanas?
11. Who was Harshavardhana? Name one book written by him.
12. Who had ended 'Matsyanyaya' in Bengal and when?
13. Who was the leader of Kaivarta Revolt?
Which Pala ruler suppressed it?
14. Who were the two famous artists of Pala age?
15. From which country did Hiuen Tsang come to India? Name one of his famous books.

16. Who were the Pallavas? Where was the capital of the Pallavas?
17. Name any two popular assemblies of the Chola Empire.
18. Who was the first Arab to invade India? Mention any one cause of his invasion.
19. Name the Chola ruler who obtained the title 'Gangaikonda Chola'. Name his capital.
20. When and between whom was the First Battle of Tarain fought?

GROUP—B

Answer the following questions :

10×4=40

1. (a) Analyze the importance of the literary sources for reconstructing the history of ancient India. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the social and religious background to the rise of Protest movements.

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2. (a) Who was Kanishka? Give an account of his achievements. 10

Or

- (b) Bring out the salient features of the Gupta administration.

3. (a) Give an account of the reign of Harshavardhana. 10

Or

- (b) Evaluate the social and economic condition of Bengal during the Pala rule.

5+5=10

4. (a) Give an account of the Pallava art and architecture. 6+4=10

Or

- (b) Discuss the features of the Chola administration. 10
