

TDP (Honours) 1st Semester Exam., 2014

HISTORY

(Honours)

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer **eight** questions, taking **two** from each Unit

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

UNIT—I

1. Explain clearly how 'India offers unity in diversity'. 10
2. Discuss the various stages of tool making in human social evolution. 10
3. Discuss the important features of town planning in the Harappan Civilization. Discuss, in brief, various theories of the decline of Harappan Civilization. 5+5=10

UNIT—II

4. In what respects, the economic and social life of the later Vedic period differed from that of the early Vedic period? 5+5=10
5. Write a brief note on the causes of the emergence of the Sixteen Mahajanapadas in the sixth century BC. 10
6. Give a brief account of the Iranian (Persian) invasions of India. What were its effects on political and cultural life of India? 5+5=10

UNIT—III

7. Make an estimate of Chandragupta Maurya as a conqueror. 10
8. What was Ashoka's 'Dhamma'? How did it influence his State policies? 5+5=10
9. What were the causes of the downfall of Mauryan empire? 10

UNIT—IV

10. Who were the Satavahanas? Write in short the Saka-Satavahana struggle during the reign of their greatest ruler Gautamiputra Satakarni (106 AD-130 AD). 5+5=10

11. What is meant by Sangam literature? Outline the social life of South India as reflected in Sangam literature. 5+5=10

12. Discuss the main features of the Gupta administrative system. 10

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UNIT—I

1. Estimate the influence of the Himalayas and the Great Northern Plain on the course of Indian history. 5+5=10
2. Assess the importance of inscription and coins as source materials for writing the history of Ancient India. 5+5=10
3. Give an account of the Indian culture in the Chalcolithic age. 10

UNIT—II

4. State the main features of the political institutions of the Rig Vedic Aryans. What changes did those undergo in the Later Vedic Period? 5+5=10
5. Review the economic background of the rise of Jainism and Buddhism in India. 5+5=10
6. Give an account of the political conditions of Northern India at the time of Alexander's invasion. Give a brief description of the nature of his invasion. 6+4=10

UNIT—III

7. Trace the rise of Magadhan power from the time of Bimbisara (544 BC–492 BC) to the end of the Nanda rule (324 BC). 10
8. Write about Ashoka's administration. How did it differ from Chandragupta Maurya's administration? 4+6=10
9. Evaluate the development of art and architecture as reflected in the 'stupas', pillars and caves during the Mauryan period. 3+4+3=10

UNIT—IV

10. Who were the Kushanas? Discuss their contribution to economy and culture in the ancient period. 2+4+4=10
11. Write notes on the development of (a) literature and (b) science during the Gupta age. 5+5=10
12. How far were the feudalistic elements present in the political and economic setup of India following the establishment of the Gupta rule? 10

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UNIT—I

1. Make a comparative study of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods of Indian history. 10
2. Discuss the importance and limitations of literary sources for the study of ancient Indian history. 6+4=10
3. Determine the extent of the Indus Valley Civilization. What are the salient features of the urban layout of that civilization? 5+5=10

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UNIT—II

4. Examine the problem of locating the original homeland of the Aryans. 10
5. What were the main features of early Buddhism? In what way was Buddhism different from Jainism? 4+6=10
6. Discuss the factors that led to the growth of urbanization in ancient India. 10

UNIT—III

7. Discuss the material background to the rise of Magadha in Sixth Century BC. 10
8. Discuss the basic principles of Asoka's 'Dhamma'. How far did Buddhism influence them? 5+5=10
9. How far was the contemporary economic condition responsible for the downfall of the Mauryan empire? 10

UNIT—IV

10. Form an estimate of Gautami Putra Satakarni as a ruler and a conqueror. Indicate your sources of information. 6+4=10

11. Bring out the important features of the social and cultural (language and literature) life of South India as reflected in the Sangam literature. 5+5=10
12. How did Harshavardhana capture royal power? Discuss his achievements with special reference to the cultural development during his reign. 3+7=10

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UNIT—I

1. Mention the geographical features of India.
How did they influence the course of Indian
history? 5+5=10
2. Mention the archaeological sources of
ancient Indian history. How do
archaeological sources help in the
reconstruction of early Indian history? 2+8=10
3. Discuss the causes of the decline of the
Harappan Civilization. 10

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UNIT—II

4. What do you mean by 'Janapadas' and 'Mahajanapadas'? Explain why Magadha succeeded in unifying the different parts of Northern India into an empire. 3+7=10
5. Discuss the background of the rise of religious protest movements in ancient India. 10
6. Discuss the causes and impact of the Iranian and Macedonian invasions. 5+5=10

UNIT—III

7. What was the material background of the rise of the Mauryan empire? 10
8. What were the salient features of the Mauryan administration? 10
9. How far was Asoka responsible for the downfall of the Mauryan empire? 10

UNIT—IV

10. Who were the Kushanas? Discuss the economy of North India during the time of the Kushanas. 3+7=10

11. Discuss the features of the Gupta's central and provincial administration. 5+5=10
12. Discuss the factors for the rise of Indian feudalism in the early medieval period. 10

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UNIT—I

1. Discuss the importance of epics and Puranas
in reconstructing ancient Indian history. 5+5=10
2. Give an account of the significant features of
the chalcolithic age in India. 10
3. Discuss the nature of urban planning in the
Indus Valley Civilization. 10

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UNIT—II

4. Discuss the historical debate about the original homeland of the Aryans. 10
5. Discuss the nature of political organization of the Aryans during the later Vedic period. How was it different from the early Vedic period? 6+4=10
6. Discuss the major teachings of Goutama Buddha. 10

UNIT—III

7. Discuss the material background of the rise of Magadha in the 6th century BC. 10
8. Discuss the basic principles of Ashoka's 'Dhamma'. How far did Buddhism influence it? 5+5=10
9. Evaluate the development of Mauryan art and architecture. 10

UNIT—IV

10. Form an estimate of Gautami Putra Satakarni as a ruler and a conqueror. 10

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11. Bring out the important features of the social and cultural life of South India as reflected in the Sangam literature. 5+5=10

12. Write a note on the development of literature and science during the Gupta age. 5+5=10

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UNIT—I

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2. Mention the importance of archaeological sources in the process of reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 10
3. Mention the causes of the decline of the Harappan Civilization with special reference to the foreign invasion. 10

UNIT—II

4. What is meant by 'Mahajanapadas'? Which factors helped Magadha to unite different parts of Northern India into an Empire?

3+7=10

5. Discuss the background of the rise of Religious Protest Movements in ancient India.

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6. Examine the impact of Iranian and Macedonian invasions.

5+5=10

UNIT—III

7. Discuss the salient features of the Mauryan administration with special reference to the changes made by Asoka.

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8. Discuss the causes for the downfall of the Mauryan empire. How far was Asoka responsible for it?

5+5=10

9. Evaluate the development of Mauryan art and architecture in ancient India.

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UNIT—IV

10. Who were the Kushanas? Discuss their contribution to the economic development of Northern India during the time of the Kushanas. 2+8=10
11. Discuss the features of the Gupta administration. 10
12. Discuss achievements of Harshavardhana with special reference to the cultural development during his reign. 10

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S-1/HISH/01/21

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(Held in 2022)

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3. Discuss the nature of the urban planning in the Indus Valley Civilization. 10

UNIT—II

4. Discuss the historical debate about the original homeland of the Aryans. 10
5. Discuss the nature of social and political conditions of the Aryans during the later Vedic Period. 6+4=10
6. Discuss the major teachings of Gautama Buddha. 10

UNIT—III

7. Discuss the material background of the rise of Magadha in the 6th Century BC. 10
8. Discuss the basic principles of Ashoka's *Dhamma*. How far did Buddhism influence it? 5+5=10
9. Discuss the expansion of the Mauryan Empire from Chandragupta Maurya to Ashoka. 10

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UNIT—IV

10. Form an estimate of Gautami Putra Satakarni as a ruler and a conqueror. Mention the sources which helped historians to know the history of Gautami Putra Satakarni. 6+4=10
11. Bring out the important features of the social and cultural life of South India as reflected in the Sangam literature. 5+5=10
12. Write a note on the development of literature and science during the Gupta Age. 5+5=10
