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B.A. Semester Examinations

HISTORY OF ASSAM (EARLIEST TIMES TO 1228 CE)

Course Code: BHY23203T

Full Marks - 50

Time - 2 hours

The figure in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer: (10×1 = 10)
- a) What is the ancient name of the Brahmaputra river mentioned in early texts?
(i) Parushni
(ii) Karatoya
(iii) Lauhitya
(iv) Teesta
- b) Which famous Chinese traveller visited ancient Assam?
(i) Fa Hein
(ii) Hiuen Tsang
(iii) I-Tsing
(iv) Yijing
- c) Karatoya is the ancient name of which river of Assam in the present times?
(i) Doyang
(ii) Manas
(iii) Dhansiri
(iv) Dekhow
- d) Pragjyotisha was also referred to as:
(i) Kamarupa
(ii) Rangpur
(iii) Kiratadesa
(iv) Hadapeswara
- e) How was the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river referred to in the ancient period?
(i) Dakhinkula
(ii) Uttarakula
(iii) Paschimkula
(iv) Puvala
- f) Who discovered the inscriptions of Assam for the first time?

- (i) The French
 - (ii) The British
 - (iii) Assamese archaeologists
 - (iv) Bengali ethnographers
- g) Who is the author of the book *A History of Assam*?
- (i) James Mill
 - (ii) Max Mueller
 - (iii) Edward Gait
 - (iv) P.R.T. Gordon
- h) Who was the most important person in the king's court in ancient Assam?
- (i) The priest
 - (ii) The military commander
 - (iii) The tax collector
 - (iv) Vishayapati
- i) Which Kamarupa ruler put up a strong resistance against the forces of Bakhtiyar Khilji ?
- (i) Bhaskaravarman
 - (ii) Ratnapala
 - (iii) Indrapala
 - (iv) Prithu
- j) Which religious shrine is Guwahati famous for?
- (i) Kamakhya
 - (ii) Surya Pahar
 - (iii) Mahakala temple
 - (iv) Siva Dol

2. Attempt any 4 questions out of 6 options. (Maximum 200 words) (4×5 = 20)

Write brief notes on :

- a) Turko-Afghan invasions
- b) Decline of Kamarupa state
- c) Ancient land grants
- d) Agriculture in ancient Assam
- e) Influence of Hinduism on the society of ancient Assam
- f) British contribution to the development of Assam's history

3. Attempt any 2 questions out of 4 options. (Maximum 1000 words) (2×10 = 20)

- a) In what ways has it been possible to construct the history of ancient Assam? Elaborate.
- b) In what ways have ancient sources mentioned about the region of Pragjyotisha?
- c) Write about the administration of ancient Assam in detail.
- d) Do you think ancient Assam had a flourishing economy? Give reasons for your answer.