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B.A. Semester Examinations
HISTORY OF INDIA (EARLIEST TIMES TO 1206 CE)
Course Code: BHY23100T

Full Marks - 50

Time - 2hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer: (10×1 = 10)
- a) Who discovered the ancient site of Harappa in 1921?
(i) John Marshall
(ii) Dayaram Sahni
(iii) Colonel Meke
(iv) S.R. Rao
- b) The Great Bath was located in which Indus Valley site?
(i) Lothal
(ii) Harappa
(iii) Mohenjodaro
(iv) Banawali
- c) Who was the founder of the Asiatic Society of Bengal?
(i) William Jones
(ii) James Mill
(iii) V. A. Smith
(iv) Annie Besant
- d) Max Mueller was an Indologist and an
(i) Utilitarian
(ii) Orientalist
(iii) Anglo-Indian
(iv) British Marxist
- e) The usage of which metal signifies the Vedic age in India?
(i) Copper
(ii) Bronze
(iii) Iron
(iv) Silver
- f) Which is the famous treatise on statecraft written by Kautilya?

- (i) Manusmriti
 - (ii) Brahmashastra
 - (iii) Arthashastra
 - (iv) Upanishads
- g) The Arthashastra was written during the rule of which empire?
- (i) Mauryas
 - (ii) Guptas
 - (iii) Kurus
 - (iv) Panchalas
- h) The Gupta Age was also known as the ‘.....Age of India.’
- (i) Silver
 - (ii) Golden
 - (iii) Romantic
 - (iv) Dark
- i) The Greeks came in contact with India with the invasion of which famous Greek ruler?
- (i) Porus
 - (ii) Seleucus Nicator
 - (iii) Alexander
 - (iv) Cyrus
- j) What was the ancient name of Delhi under the Rajput Tomars?
- (i) Dhillika
 - (ii) Dhilwana
 - (iii) Indraprastha
 - (iv) Siri

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

Write brief notes on :

- a) Debate on Rajput origin
- b) Rajput society
- c) Greek contribution to Indian culture
- d) Decline of Indus Valley Civilization
- e) British views of early Indian history
- f) Ashoka’s Dhamma

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

- a) What are the different notions of India’s past?
- b) Explain the features of urbanization in the Indus Valley civilization?
- c) Do you think the Gupta period was the ‘Golden Age of ancient India’? If yes or no, explain why.
- d) Do you think Ashoka was the greatest Mauryan ruler? Provide reasons for your answer.