

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 the remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be given either in English or in Bengali but all answers must be in one and the same language.

Group-A

1. Answer any three questions.

- Evaluate the importance of Archaeology and Numismatics for the reconstruction of Early Indian History.
- Write a short note on Vedic economy.
- Discuss the nature of Asoka's Dharma.
- Write a short note on Gupta art and architecture.

10x3

2. Answer any two questions.

- How were the Harappan cities planned? Describe the salient features of these cities.
- Discuss the socio-economic background of the rise of protestant religions movements in ancient India in the sixth century B.C.
- Give an overview of India's trade with the Roman Empire during the first three centuries of the Christian era.
- Village administration acquired uniqueness under the Cholas — Discuss.

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3. Write an essay on any one of the following :

- The reasons behind the decline of the Mauryan Empire with special reference to the role of Asoka, if any, in the process.
- The position of women in Ancient India.

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Group-B

4. Answer any three questions.

- Evaluate Ziauddin Barani as a historian.
- Write a short note on the Iqta system of land grant in Medieval India.
- Assess the economic reforms of Alauddin Khelji.
- Discuss the impact of Aurangzeb's Deccan policy on the Mughal empire.

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5. Answer any two questions.

- Vijayasagar empire had a well organised administrative system - elucidate.
- Analyse the religious policy of Akbar.
- Give a critical account of the Maratha administration under Shivaji.

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6. Write an essay on any one of the following :

- The evolution of the administrative system under the Delhi Sultanate from Illtutmish to Firoz Shah Tughlaq.
- Economy of the Mughal Empire.

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