

2021

HISTORY

PAPER-I

Time Allowed—3 Hours

Full Marks—200

*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 remaining ones ignored.*

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

**Group-A**

1. Answer *any three* questions: 10×3=30
- (a) Discuss the importance of Inscriptions in unearthing the history of Ancient India.
  - (b) How do you explain the rise of Magadha empire in the 6th century B.C.?
  - (c) How far Asoka was responsible for the decline of the Mouryan empire?
  - (d) What were the fundamental principles of Buddhism?
2. Answer *any two* questions: 20×2=40
- (a) Write an essay on the urban life of the Indus Valley Civilization.
  - (b) Give an overview on the cultural contributions of the Kushana dynasty.
  - (c) Write a short note on provincial administration in Gupta period.
  - (d) What do you know about the development of Sangam literature?
3. Write an essay on *any one*: 30×1=30
- (a) Expansion of Indian culture in South-Asian countries in ancient times.
  - (b) Role of guilds in Ancient Indian trade.
  - (c) Position of women in Ancient Indian society.

**Group-B**

4. Answer *any three* questions: 10×3=30
- (a) Do you think Illutmish was the real founder of Delhi Sultanate?
  - (b) Discuss the importance of *Khalji* revolution.
  - (c) What do you know about Shivaji's finance and revenue?
  - (d) How did the foreign travellers describe the Vijaynagar empire?

5. Answer *any two* questions:

20×2=40

- (a) Explain the role of trade in the economy of the sultanate period.
- (b) Discuss the Rajput policy of Akbar and its impact.
- (c) Do you agree with the view that 'agrarian crisis' was the main factor behind the downfall of the Mughal empire?
- (d) Analyse the salient features of the *Bhakti* movement.

6. Write an essay on *any one*:

30×1=30

- (a) The evolution of Iqta system during the Sultanate period.
- (b) Development of science and technology under the Mughals.
- (c) Social conditions of India in Eighteenth century.

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