

2022

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 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: 10×3=30
 - (a) Critically examine the different features of Indus Valley Civilisation in the light of archaeological excavations.
 - (b) Discuss the different theories about the original home-land of the Aryans.
 - (c) What factors led to the origin and growth of Jainism and Buddhism (Protestant movements) during 6th century B. C.?
 - (d) “Chandragupta Maurya was the first historical emperor of India.” — Evaluate his achievements.
2. Answer *any two* questions: 20×2=40
 - (a) Examine the importance of economic factors in the political expansion of the Kushanas.
 - (b) What were the different strategies adopted by Samudragupta during his triumphant march across different parts of India?
 - (c) Write a short note on Kaivartya rebellion in the history of Bengal.
 - (d) Discuss the central administrative organisation in the Chola kingdom with special reference to local self-government.
3. Write an essay on *any one*: 30×1=30
 - (a) Write an essay on the art and architecture in South India during the Pallava period.
 - (b) Discuss agricultural expansion in early medieval period with special reference to irrigation and ‘Agrahar’ (land grant) system.
 - (c) Describe how Sanskrit literature and other regional languages flourished during early medieval period.

Group-B

4. Answer *any three* questions: 10×3=30
 - (a) In what ways did the invasions of Mahmud of Ghazni differ from that of Muhammad Ghuri? How would you account for the success of the Turks?
 - (b) Write a short note on Balban’s theory of Kingship.
 - (c) Critically analyse the market (Bazar) Control theory of Alauddin Khalji.
 - (d) Do you think the schemes of Muhammad-Bin-Tughluq were “correctly conceived, badly executed and disastrously abandoned”?

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5. Answer *any two* questions:

20×2=40

- (a) How did Husain Shah bring about political stability in Bengal? What were its effects on the cultural life in medieval Bengal?
- (b) Examine the salient features of Sher Shah's administration. Was he really a precursor of Akbar in the field of administration?
- (c) Do you think Akbar's religious policy was eclectic in nature?
- (d) What were the principal Sufi Silsilas in India during Sultanate period? Assess their impact on contemporary society.

6. Answer *any one* question:

30×1=30

- (a) Write a note on the evolution of Mansabdari system from Akbar to Aurangzeb.
 - (b) Write an essay on Mughal architecture.
 - (c) Write a short note on Indian Ocean trade during 17th centuries.
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