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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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Sixth Semester

History – Main

Major Elective — EPIGRAPHY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The English word “Epigraphy” is derived from
——— language.
(a) Greek (b) Chinese
(c) Hebrew (d) Arabian

2. Which is the best example for musical inscription?
- (a) Mandagapattu Inscription
 - (b) Kudimiyāmalai Inscription
 - (c) Thirupparankundram Inscription
 - (d) Anaimalai Inscription
3. The Indus script belongs to _____.
- (a) Ideograph (b) Phonograph
 - (c) Pictograph (d) Graffiti
4. _____ book mentions about Tamil-Brahmi script.
- (a) Artha Sastra
 - (b) Tolkappiyam
 - (c) Samavayanga Sutta
 - (d) Nannool
5. The Kali Era started from _____ year.
- (a) 3000 B.C. (b) 3101 B.C.
 - (c) 78 B.C. (d) 622 B.C.
6. _____ Mentions Hijri Era.
- (a) The Birth date of Muhammad Nabi
 - (b) The Death date of Muhammad Nabi
 - (c) The date of migration of Muhammad Nabi from Medina to Mecca
 - (d) The date of migration of Muhammad Nabi from Mecca to Medina

7. James Prinsep deciphered ———— script.
- (a) Grantha (b) Nagari
(c) Tamil (d) Kharoshti
8. ———— discovered Mangulam Inscription.
- (a) Robert Sewell (b) J.F. Fleet
(c) James Burgess (d) B.L. Rice
9. Uttaramerur Inscription is located in ———— district.
- (a) Villupuram (b) Kancheepuram
(c) Madurai (d) Tanjore
10. ———— copper plates mentions about Sangam Period, first Pandaya's Period and Kalabhras Period.
- (a) Sinnamanur Copper Plates
(b) Talavaipuram Copper Plates
(c) Large leydon Copper Plates
(d) Velvikkudi Copper Plates

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on Literary Inscription.
Or
(b) Give an account of Political Inscription.
12. (a) What do you know about Palaeography?
Or
(b) What is Pictograph? Explain.
13. (a) Kali Era – Define.
Or
(b) Mention about Kollam Era.
14. (a) List out the achievements of James Burguess.
Or
(b) Summarise the discoveries of George Buhler.
15. (a) Bring out the importance of Manur Inscription.
Or
(b) Describe the history mentions by Velvikudi Copper plates.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on the importance of Epigraphy.

Or

- (b) Explain the forms and contents of Inscription.

17. (a) State the differences between Ideograph and Phonograph.

Or

- (b) Elucidate about the Graffiti.

18. (a) “James Prinsep is called the father of Indian Epigraphy” – Explain.

Or

- (b) Analyse the contributions of H. Krishna Sastri to the field of Epigraphy.

19. (a) Discuss the importance of Saka Era.

Or

- (b) Enumerate the dating system of Vikrama Era.

20. (a) Critically analyse the historical value of Uttaramerur Inscription.

Or

- (b) Illustrate the contents of Kurram Copper Plates.
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