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First Semester

History – Core

HISTORY OF INDIA UPTO 712 A.D

(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. Excavation work at Kalibangan was done by _____.
- (a) Lal and Thapar (b) Mortimer wheeler
(c) Six John Marshall (d) Kosambi

2. Arthasastra was written by _____.

(a) Kalidasa (b) Kautilya
(c) Magasthenes (d) Bana

3. The early settlements of the Aryans in India was at _____.

(a) Bengal (b) Deccan
(c) Aryavartham (d) Tamilaham

4. Fahien visited India during the reign of _____.

(a) Chandragupta Maurya
(b) Asoka
(c) Chandragupta II
(d) Skantha gupta

5. The Kalinga war was faught in _____.

(a) 251 BC (b) 261 BC
(c) 271 BC (d) 281 BC

6. The last king of Maurya dynasty was _____.

(a) Bindusara (b) Asoka
(c) Brihadrita (d) Harsha

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7. Varahamihira lived during the time of ———.
- (a) Mauryas (b) Guptas
(c) Kushans (d) Varthanas
8. Buddhist texts were written in ——— language.
- (a) Prakrit (b) Pali
(c) Hindi (d) Sanskrit
9. Nalanda university was founded by ———.
- (a) Harsha (b) Kanishka
(c) Kumaragupta (d) Samudra gupta
10. Harsha was defeated by ———.
- (a) Pulakesin I (b) Pulakesin II
(c) Pulakesin III (d) Pulakesin IV

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Briefly explain about the geographical features of India.
- Or
- (b) Explain the special features of Paleolithic Age.

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12. (a) What do you know about the Neolithic Age.

Or

- (b) Describe the important features of the Early Vedic periods.

13. (a) Describe the growth of Magadhan kingdom under Bimbisara and Ajatasatru.

Or

- (b) What were the causes for the downfall of Mauryan empire?

14. (a) Explain the main teachings of Jainism and Buddhism.

Or

- (b) Give an account on Mahayana Buddhism.

15. (a) Estimate the career and achievements of Samudragupta.

Or

- (b) Bring out Harsha's Services to Buddhism.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Describe the literary sources for the study of ancient Indian history.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the foreign accounts for the study of ancient India.

17. (a) Assess the salient features of the Indus valley civilization.

Or

- (b) Estimate the contributions of the later Vedic period to Indian culture.

18. (a) Critically analyze the conquest of Alexander, the great and examine its effects.

Or

- (b) Analyze the causes for the rise of religious movements in ancient India.

19. (a) Narrate the salient features of Mauryan administration.

Or

- (b) How far it is correct to describe Kanishka as second Asoka.

20. (a) 'Gupta period' is called as Golden Age' – Discuss.

Or

- (b) Estimate the career and achievements of Harsha.

