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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

History — Core

HISTORY OF INDIA UPTO 712 AD

(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. Ajantha caves are situated in _____
(a) Maharashtra (b) Orissa
(c) Gujarat (d) Andhra
2. The book written by Hiuen Tsang on India was _____
(a) Si-Yu-Ki (b) Fi-Yu-Ki
(c) Indica (d) Arthasastra

3. The Indus people did not know the metal
- (a) Copper (b) Gold
(c) Iron (d) Silver
4. The founder of Jainism was _____
- (a) Rishabhanantha
(b) Parsvanatha
(c) Neminatha
(d) Mahavira
5. Tripitakes are the sacred books of _____
- (a) Hindus (b) Jains
(c) Buddhists (d) Sikhs
6. Megasthenes wrote _____
- (a) Arthasastra (b) Indica
(c) Sakuntala (d) Jataka
7. Kalinga war was held in _____
- (a) 241 BC (b) 251 BC
(c) 261 BC (d) 271 BC

8. _____ is called as Indian Napoleon?
- (a) Asoka (b) Samudragupta
- (c) Harsha (d) Kanishka
9. Rajatharangiri was written by _____
- (a) Bana (b) Harsha
- (c) Kalhana (d) Kalidasa
10. Allahabad pillar inscription was composed by _____
- (a) Harisena (b) Chitrasena
- (c) Mahasena (d) Rajasena

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) "Inscriptions are valuable sources to study ancient India"- Discuss.

Or

- (b) Write an account on the foreign accounts on India.

12. (a) Explain the socio-economic condition during the later vedic period?

Or

- (b) Examine the causes for the rise of new religions in north-India.

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

Or

- (b) Discuss about Alexander's invasion on India and analyse its effects.

14. (a) Bring out the importance of Asoka's inscriptions.

Or

- (b) Trace the causes for the Downfall of Mauryan empire.

15. (a) Write an account on the Gandhara school of Art.

Or

- (b) Examine the progress of literature during the Guptas.

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 geographical features of India.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the archaeological sources for the study of Indian history.

17. (a) Sketch the important features of Indus valley civilization.

Or

- (b) Describe the socio, economic and religious condition of the early vedic period.

18. (a) Estimate the life and teaching's of Gautama Buddha.

Or

- (b) Bringout the life and teachings of mahavira.

19. (a) Describe the salient features of mauryan administration.

Or

- (b) Examine the causes for the downfall of Gupta Empire.

20. (a) Estimate the achievement of Harsha.

Or

(b) What do you know about the Arab conquest of India and analyse its effects.
