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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021.

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. Who was the first Indian ruler issued edicts?
(a) Asoka (b) Khrevela
(c) Samudragupta (d) Bimbisara
2. Who founded the Vikrama Samvat?
(a) Vikramaditya (b) Sthanu Ravi Varma
(c) Khareval (d) Satakarni
3. When is the beginning of Saka Era?
(a) 72 AD (b) 78 BC
(c) 76 AD (d) 78 AD

4. Which ruler's accession denotes the beginning of Saka Era?
(a) Chashtana (b) Kanishka
(c) Samudragupta (d) Rudrasena
5. Kollavarsham is used in which state?
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Kerala
(c) Andhra (d) Karnataka
6. In which script the Tharisapalli Copper Plate was written?
(a) Kolezhuth (b) Vatteluthu
(c) Grantha (d) Prakrit
7. What is the year of the foundation of 'The Indian Antiquary'?
(a) 1877 (b) 1872
(c) 1892 (d) 1873
8. Who was the first editor 'The Indian Antiquary'?
(a) James Princep (b) William Wilkins
(c) James Burgess (d) Richard Temple
9. Which is the official Era of India?
(a) Saka (b) Vakrama
(c) Kollam (d) Kali

10. Which pre-historian established the direction of writing as right to left?
- (a) Iravatham Mahadevan
 - (b) Fr. Heras
 - (c) James Princep
 - (d) S.R.Rao

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Make a note on importance of epigraphy.
- Or
- (b) Explain the kinds of inscriptions.
12. (a) Describe phonograph.
- Or
- (b) Describe Palaeography.
13. (a) Explain dating system.
- Or
- (b) Explain Saka Era.
14. (a) Write short note on Velvikudi copper plates.
- Or
- (b) Kollam era - Explain.
15. (a) Write a note on James Princep.
- Or
- (b) Write a note on Robert Sewell.

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 Cuneiform writing.

Or

- (b) Briefly describe the various Era.

17. (a) Explain the Kurram Copper plates.

Or

- (b) Explain the eminent epigraphist K.V.Raman.

18. (a) Describe the Carbon 14 Dating System.

Or

- (b) Explain the Kanyakumari copper plates.

19. (a) List down the uses of epigraphy.

Or

- (b) Explain any two inscriptions.

20. (a) Write about any three eminent epigraphists.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on Brahmi letters.
