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

History — Core

HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND EARLY MEDIEVAL  
INDIA – PREHISTORY TO 1206 CE

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is called as 'Prince of Pilgrims'.
- (a) Fa-Hien
  - (b) Hieun-Tsang
  - (c) I-Tsing
  - (d) Bao Dai

2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the only Indus city without citadel.
- (a) Mohenjadarro
  - (b) Harappa
  - (c) Chanhudara
  - (d) Lothal
3. Adichanallur is located on the banks of river \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Kauveri
  - (b) Vaigai
  - (c) Pennar
  - (d) Thamiraparani
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are philosophical texts.
- (a) Vedas
  - (b) Upanishads
  - (c) Aranyakas
  - (d) Brahmanas
5. Buddha was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Lumbini
  - (b) Kapilavastu
  - (c) Kusinagar
  - (d) Gaya
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first Persian conqueror of India.
- (a) Cyrus
  - (b) Darius I
  - (c) Darius II
  - (d) Cambyses
7. Chandraguptaz abdicated his throne in favour of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Bimbisara
  - (b) Ajatasatru
  - (c) Bindusara
  - (d) Asoka

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8. \_\_\_\_\_ gives information about the horrors of Kalinga war.  
 (a) Rock Edict X (b) Rock Edict XI  
 (c) Rock Edict XII (d) Rock Edict XIII
9. Menandar was the son-in-law of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Selakos Nikator  
 (b) Demetrius  
 (c) Antiohus  
 (d) Ptolemy
10. Chandra Gupta I married \_\_\_\_\_ the Lichavi Princess.  
 (a) Kumara Devi  
 (b) Kubera Naga  
 (c) Ganapathi Naga  
 (d) Rudra Devi
11. \_\_\_\_\_ founded the Vakutaka dynasty.  
 (a) Pravarasena I (b) Vindhya Sakti  
 (c) Prithivi Sena (d) Rudra Sena
12. Harsha did not defeat \_\_\_\_\_ the Gauda King.  
 (a) Deva Gupta (b) Pulakesin II  
 (c) Sasank (d) Grahavarman

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13. \_\_\_\_\_ was the ruler of Sindh during the Arab conquest.  
 (a) Jaya Pala (b) Ananda Pala  
 (c) Dahir (d) Ambi
14. The first independent ruler of Chalukya dynasty \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Kirtivarman  
 (b) Pulakosin I  
 (c) Vishnu Vardhan  
 (d) Someshvaran
15. Rashtrakuta imperialism was started by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Krishna I (b) Danti Durga  
 (c) Govinda II (d) Dhruva Nirupama

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Mention the foreign accounts to known about the history of Ancient India.  
 Or  
 (b) Give an account on of Kandagai excavation.

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17. (a) Sama Veda.

Or

(b) Five cardinal principles of Jainism.

18. (a) Mudra rakshasha.

Or

(b) Mauryan Espionage system.

19. (a) Ashvamedha sacrifice.

Or

(b) Matrimonial alliances of Chandra Gupta II.

20. (a) What were the causes for the success of the Arabs?

Or

(b) Give an account of Chalukya Art.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Describe the main features of Indus Civilization.

Or

(b) Explain the features of Ancient Tamil Civilization.

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22. (a) Analyze later Vedic civilization.

Or

(b) Describe about the Buddhist councils.

23. (a) Evaluate Kushana Art and architecture.

Or

(b) Explain Satavahana administration and culture.

24. (a) Explain the social and economic condition during the Gupta period.

Or

(b) Describe about Nalanda University.

25. (a) Analyze the effects of Arab conquest of Sindh.

Or

(b) Critically analyze the invasion of Muhammad of Ghor.

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