

**2021**

( 1st Semester )

**HISTORY**

Paper No. : HIS-101

**( History of India up to the Mauryas )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )**

*( Marks : 45 )*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Discuss how the archaeological sources help in the reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 9

*Or*

Give an account of the Palaeolithic cultures in India. 9

*Turn Over*

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2. Examine the political and economic organization of the Harappan Civilization. 9

*Or*

Discuss the factors responsible for the decline of Harappan Civilization. 9

3. Write a note on the society of the Vedic Aryans. 9

*Or*

Examine the political life of the Early Vedic Aryans. What changes do you notice in the Later period?  $4\frac{1}{2}+4\frac{1}{2}=9$

4. Discuss the various factors responsible for the rise of New Religious Movements in India in the 6th Century BC. 9

*Or*

Trace the early life of Gautama Buddha. What were his main teachings?  $4+5=9$

5. What are the Mahajanapadas? Discuss the background for the rise of Magadha as a powerful State.  $2+7=9$

*Or*

Discuss the main features of Mauryan administration. 9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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SECTION—I

( Marks : 10 )

Write short notes on the following :

2×5=10

1. Importance of Travellers' accounts

*Or*

Neolithic culture

( 3 )

2. Harappan Script

*Or*

Harappan Drainage System

( 4 )

3. The Vedas

*Or*

Position of women in Rig-Vedic society

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( 5 )

4. Two sects of Jainism

*Or*

Fourth Buddhist Council

( 6 )

5. Mahapadma Nanda

*Or*

Two factors leading to the downfall of Mauryan Empire

( 7 )

SECTION—II

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The *Rig-Veda* contains

(a) 1028 hymns ( )

(b) 1029 hymns ( )

(c) 1030 hymns ( )

2. The culture associated with Microliths is

(a) Palaeolithic ( )

(b) Mesolithic ( )

(c) Neolithic ( )

3. Where is the Great Granary located?

(a) Mohenjo-Daro ( )

(b) Lothal ( )

(c) Harappa ( )

4. Harappan Civilization belongs to

(a) Stone Age ( )

(b) Bronze Age ( )

(c) Iron Age ( )



5. The most popular God of the Vedic Aryans was
- (a) Indra ( )
  - (b) Varuna ( )
  - (c) Agni ( )
6. The word 'Gavishti' implies
- (a) search for horse ( )
  - (b) search for cow ( )
  - (c) worship of cow ( )
7. The birthplace of Mahavira is
- (a) Kapilavastu ( )
  - (b) Kundagrama ( )
  - (c) Pavapuri ( )
8. The term 'Parinirvana' refers to
- (a) birth of Gautama Buddha ( )
  - (b) first sermon of Buddha ( )
  - (c) death of Buddha ( )
9. The first dynasty to rule Magadha was
- (a) Haryanka ( )
  - (b) Sisunaga ( )
  - (c) Nanda ( )

10. Which dynasty succeeded the Mauryas?

- (a) Nanda Dynasty ( )
- (b) Shunga Dynasty ( )
- (c) Satavahana Dynasty ( )

SECTION—III

( Marks : 5 )

State whether the following statements are *True (T)*  
or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. The author of *Indica* was Herodotus.

( T / F )

2. Harappan Civilization was a contemporary of  
Mesopotamian Civilization.

( T / F )

3. The term 'Jana' refers to tribe or clan.

( T / F )

4. Mahavira was the 23rd Tirthankara of the Jains.

( T / F )

5. Kautilya was also known as Chanakya.

( T / F )

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