

2025

(7th Semester)

HISTORY

Course No. : HIS/MJ-703

(Ancient India : Socio-Religious, Political and Economic History)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer the following questions

1. a) Critically examine the Vedas as a historical source in reconstructing ancient Indian History. 15

Or

- b) Analyse inscriptions as an important historical source in the context of ancient India. 15

2. a) Discuss the social transition from the Rig Vedic to the Later Vedic period. 15

Or

- b) Describe the economic condition of the Vedic period. 15

(Turn Over)

3. a) Examine the emergence of heterodox sects in the 6th century BCE India. 15

Or

- b) Write a note on the rise of Magadha Empire. 15

4. a) Evaluate the Agrarian activities and taxation method during the Mauryan period. 15

Or

- b) Illustrate the Cholas local administration. 15

5. a) Describe the factors that led to the downfall of Guptas and its political implications. 15

Or

- b) Explain the significance of the Chinese traveller Fa-Hien travelogue in understanding Gupta Society and Religion. 15

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