

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019.

FIRST SEMESTER

History and Archaeology

Paper I — HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO A.D. 750

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

PART A — (5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. Gangetic valley
2. Varna - Jati
3. Hathigumpha inscription
4. Copper plate charters
5. Vedic gods
6. Teachings of maharira
7. Gandhara school of Art
8. Fa-Hien.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Explain the impact of geographical features on Indian culture and civilization.

Or

10. Describe the characteristics of units in diversity in Indian history and culture.

11. Examine the importance of Numismatics in the study of Ancient Indian history.

Or

12. Discuss how far foreign accounts are useful for the reconstruction of Ancient Indian history.

13. What do you know about the socio-economic life of the Harappans?

Or

14. Describe the causes for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism.

15. Estimate why Asoka has been considered as one among the great rulers of the world.

Or

16. Discuss the administrative and cultural achievements of Harshavardhana.

