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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2015.

FOURTH SEMESTER

History and Archaeology

Paper III — EPIGRAPHY AND NUMISMATICS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

SECTION A — (5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. Seals and symbols of the copper plate inscriptions
2. James Princep
3. Features of the Kharoshti
4. Rummindie pillar inscription
5. Kallamalla inscription
6. Origin of coimage in India
7. Punch marked coins
8. Features of the Kakatiya coins.

SECTION B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Explain the importance of Epigraphy as source material for the reconstruction of Ancient Indian History.

Or

10. Examine the origin and theories of the Brahmi script.

11. Describe the achievements of pulakesi II based on his Aihole Inscription.

Or

12. Explain the contents of Gaya Inscription of Srikrishnadevaraya.

13. Examine the importance of the study of coins in India.

Or

14. Discuss the significance of the symbols on the Gupta coins.

15. Describe the features and historical importance of the Ikshvake coins.

Or

16. Discuss the different types of coins issued by the Vijayanagara rulers.

