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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017.

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. Foreign Literature.
2. Four noble truths of Buddhism.
3. Astanga Marga.
4. Mahajana Padas.
5. Cahndragupta Maurya.
6. Rudradaman.
7. Mihirakula.
8. Harshavardhana.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Give an account of Literary sources.

Or

10. Write an essay on Vedic Society.
11. Discuss the preachings of Jainism.

Or

12. Discuss the preachings of Buddhism.

13. Describe the Persian and Macedonian invasions.

Or

14. Write about the economic conditions under Mauryas.

15. Assess the personality of Ashoka.

Or

16. Describe the 'Golden Age' of Guptas.

