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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016.

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. Arthasastra.
2. Indus script and seals.
3. Vardhaman Mahavira.
4. Asoka Damma.
5. Kalidasa.
6. Bhagavatism.
7. Huien Tsang.
8. Arabs conquest of Sindh.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Examine the importance of Epigraphical sources for the study of Ancient Indian History.

Or

10. Explain the social and religious life ways of the Harrappan people.
11. Describe the social and economic conditions of the Rig-Vedic Age.

Or

12. Discuss the main tenets of Buddhism and factors helped in its rapid growth.

13. Describe the life and achievements of Chandra Gupta Maurya.

Or

14. Discuss the Persian and Macedonians on India and their impact.

15. Write a note on the administrative system of the Guptas.

Or

16. Estimate the cultural achievements of Harsha-Vardhana.

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