



**COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examinations, 2023

**HISTORY**

**HISTORY OF INDIA UP TO 650 A.D.**

**CORE-3**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**GROUP-A**

**Answer any *one* question from the following**

15×1 = 15

1. Discuss the features of Ashoka's 'Dhamma'. What steps did he adopt to propagate it? 8+7
2. From a critical estimate of the achievements of Kanishka-I. How would you assess the political and cultural importance of the Kushana rule in India? 5+10
3. Trace the rise of Kanauj under the stewardship of Harshavardhana. Can he be called the lord of the North? 10+5

**GROUP-B**

**Answer any *one* question from the following**

10×1 = 10

4. Give an account of the trade and trade routes during the post-Maurya period. 10
5. Give an account of the organisation of guild during the Gupta period. 10
6. Discuss the political achievements of Pulakeshin II. 10

**GROUP-C**

**Answer any *one* question from the following**

5×1 = 5

7. Who was Pushyamitra Sunga? Was he really persecutor of Buddhism? 2+3
8. What were the main taxes imposed by the Gupta Government? 5
9. What is Stupa? Write about the main characteristics of the Sanchi Stupa. 2+3

GROUP-D

10. Answer any *ten* questions from the following in full sentence: 1×10 = 10
- (a) Name the provinces ceded to Chandragupta Maurya by Seleucus Niketor.
  - (b) Which Inscriptions are known as 'Kalinga edict'?
  - (c) Who was Pushyagupta?
  - (d) What was 'Saka era'?
  - (e) Who was Nahapana?
  - (f) Who took the title 'Kaviraja'?
  - (g) Who was Ramagupta?
  - (h) What is 'Visty'?
  - (i) What was *Manimekalai*?
  - (j) Who was the first sovereign ruler of Bengal?
  - (k) Who wrote 'Mattavilas Prahasan'?
  - (l) Who explained the theory "Feudalism from above" and "Feudalism from below"?

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