



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examinations, 2022

HISTORY

HISTORY OF INDIA UP TO 650 AD (PRE-HISTORY TO MAHAJANAPADAS)

CORE-1

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. Explain the geographical factors on the evolution of Indian history with the special reference to the development of the major routes of communication in ancient India. 15
2. Discuss the socio-economic condition of the Harappan people. What do you know about their religious belief? 10+5
3. Discuss the political and economic background of the emergence of Magadha as an imperial power. 15

GROUP-B

Answer any one question from the following

10×1 = 10

4. Briefly analyse the different approaches to study the Ancient Indian History. 10
5. What was the position of women in the Rig-Vedic society? Do you find any changes in their position in the later Vedic period? 5+5
6. What are the historical importances of the epics—*Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*? 5+5

GROUP-C

Answer any one question from the following

5×1 = 5

7. What were the chief features of the Neolithic culture in India?
8. What is 'Radio-Carbon' dating?
9. Write in short about 'Ashtangik Marg'.

GROUP-D

10. Answer any *ten* questions from the following:

1×10 = 10

- (a) What is epigraphy?
- (b) Which paleolithic site of India has the evidence of rock art painting?
- (c) What do you mean by the term 'Sapta Sindhu'?
- (d) What do you mean by 'Streedhan'?
- (e) What is Four Noble Truth?
- (f) Who was the founder of Ajivikas?
- (g) Who was the last Tirthankar of the Jainas?
- (h) What was the capital of Vatsa Mahajanapada?
- (i) What are the two major branches of Buddhism?
- (j) Who convoked second Buddhist Council?
- (k) What was 'Dharmachakrapravartana'?
- (l) Mention the name of republic janapada among the Mahajanapadas.

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