

SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2019

(CUCSS)

History

HIS CSS 2C 105—PROBLEMS AND DEBATES IN ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Section A (Long Essays)**I.** Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 4 weightage :

- 1** Why the Harappan culture is called 'Bronze Age' urbanism ? Bring out the chief characteristic features of Harappan state and society.
- 2** Discuss the expansion of agriculture in the Gangetic valley and the transition of tribal society into the formation of state under the Mauryas.
- 3** Analyse the different views on Aryan problem.
- 4** Critically examine how the growth of land grants led to feudalism in India ? What are the different views on Indian Feudalism ?

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essays)**II.** Answer any *seven* questions. Each question carries 2 weightage :

- 5** Illustrate the various reasons which led to the emergence of Magadha as prominent among the Sixteen Mahajanapadas.
- 6** Briefly sketch the different attempts on the decipherment of Harappan script.
- 7** What is Bali and Bhaga, Dana and Dakshina ? How it influenced the social formation of the Vedic society as a part of power structure ?
- 8** Analyse the various factors which led to the decline of Indus valley civilization.
- 9** Examine the nature of Mauryan state.
- 10** Evaluate the statement 'landlordism confused with feudalism'.
- 11** Evaluate the important sources for the study of Mauryan period.
- 12** Discuss Dhamma as a political strategy of Ashoka.

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13 Explain the 'Saptanga' theory of state.

14 Write a short essay on the emergence of Sixteen Mahajanapadas.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Section C (Short Answer Type)

III. Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 1 weightage :

15 Samanta.

16 Oriental Despotism.

17 AMP.

18 Gahapati.

19 B.D. Chattopadhyaya.

20 *Lineage to State*.

21 Sir John Marshal.

22 Punch marked coin.

23 Sutta Pitaka.

24 Chnfli.

25 PGW.

26 *Indica*.

27 Mother Goddess.

28 Gavishti.

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)