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(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)
M. A. History
HIS1C03 : Problems, Perspectives and Debates in Early Indian History
2024 Admission Onwards

Time:3 Hours **Maximum Weightage:30**

Part A

*Short answer type questions. Answer **any four**. Weightage **2** for each.*
(4x2 = 8 Weightage)

1. Point out the contributions of Suvira Jayaswal in historical writing.
2. Write a note on Euro-centric image of Indian past.
3. How did Gangetic Valley contributed for agrarian expansion of ancient days?
4. Identify the relevance of Lichhavi among janapadas.
5. Describe the administration existed in Bhuktis during the Gupta period.
6. Critically examine the concept of war and violence in Vedic age.
7. Assess the relevance of Dhauli inscription of Asoka in writing Ancient Indian History.

Part B

*Short essay-type questions. Answer **any four**. Weightage **3** for each.*
(4x3 = 12 Weightage)

8. Analyze the significance of trade and crafts in Harappan economy.
9. Discover the features of Harappan civilization which shows the existence of a state.
10. State various theories regarding the original homeland of the Aryans, and how did this concept evolved in historical studies?
11. Examine the impact of ideological changes in the administrative system of the Mauryan Empire.
12. Describe the contributions of Kushans to ancient Indian polity and economy.
13. Analyse the observations of Upinder Singh on the war and violence of Ancient India.
14. How does the concept of Shaddarshana serve as a fundamental principle in ancient Indian philosophy?

Turn Over

Part C

*Essay-type questions. Answer **any two**. Weightage **5** for each.*
(2x5 = 10 Weightage)

15. Give an account of the Marxist writings on Ancient Indian History.
16. Examine the nature of Harappan State.
17. Analyse the system of land donations under the Guptas and its consequences on agrarian and administrative control, leading to feudal developments.
18. Examine different contexts of evolution of philosophies of Ancient India.

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