

[*Outline map of India to accompany*]

**THIRD SEMESTER BA. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015**

(CUCBCSS-UG)

Core Course—History

HIS 3B 04—HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum 80 Marks

Section A (Objective Type Questions)

I. Answer *all* questions. Each question carries  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark.

Bunch I

Name the following :-

- 1 The leader of the tribal assembly Gana,
- 2 The first metal used by Indians.
- 3 The term **Romila Thapar** used to denote the centre or nucleus of the empire.
- 4 The stories of the previous births of the Buddha.

(4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 2 marks)

Bunch II

Fill in the blanks :

- 5 The people of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods had practised painting, which is evident from the \_\_\_\_\_ cave near Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.
- 6 The metal which was not known to the Indus Valley Civilization.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ was a Greek ambassador sent by **Selucus Nikator** to the court of Chandra Gupta **Maurya**.
- 8 **Gautama Buddha** delivered his first Sermon at \_\_\_\_\_ in **Banaras**.

(4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 2 marks)

Bunch III

Match A with B:

A

- |                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 Umanar                 | Mahajanapada.               |
| 10 Asmaka                | Confederation of Republics. |
| 11 Gana-Samgha           | Saiva saint.                |
| 12 Sundaramurthi Nayanar | Salt merchants.             |

(4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 2 marks)

Turn over

## Section B (Very Short Answers)

II. Answer any *seven* of the following in 50 words each. Each question carries 2 marks :

13 Mehgarh.

14 Harsha Charita.

15 Puetinger Tables.

16 Gahapati.

17 Dakshinapada.

18 Bhagadugha.

19 Padittuppattu.

20 Dantidurga.

21 Fa-hien.

(7 x 2 = 14 marks)

## Section C (Map Study)

III. Locate on the outline map provided any *six* Mahajanapadas. 1 mark for each :

22 to 27.

(6 x 1 = 6 marks)

## Section D (Short Essays)

IV. Answer any *four* of the following in 150 words each. Each question carries 6 marks :

28 Write a short essay on Alvars and Nayanmars.

29 Analyse the geographical and social structures in early Tamilakam.

30 What is Bali and Bhaga, Dana and Dakshina ? How it influenced the social formation of the Vedic society as a part of power structure ?

31 Evaluate the consequence of land grants.

32 Evaluate the trade links with Romans.

33 Examine the different views on Cattle Raid.

(4 x 6 = 24 marks)

## Section E (Essays)

V. Answer any *two* of the following in 350 words each. Each question carries 15 marks :

34 Discuss the expansion of agriculture in the Gangetic Valley and the formation of state under the Mauryas.

35 Assess the various reasons which led to the rise up of heterodox religion in the 6th Century B.C.

36 What is Neolithic Revolution ? Discuss its significance by citing changes traced in the material life of the Stone Age Culture.

37 Elaborate the different types of Megalithic remains seen in South India and the social stratification understood from the remains.

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)