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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DECREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2009**  
**History (Main)**  
**(2007 Admission)**

**C.1 – State and Society in the Ancient World**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Total Marks: 80**

**A**

**Answer any two questions in about eight pages**  
**Each question carries 20 marks.**

(2 x 20= 40 marks)

1. Attempt an essay on the contributions of Wheeler and Petrie to the disciplines of archaeology and history.
1. Discuss slavery as an institution and mode of production.
2. Explain the process of state formation as evidenced in ancient Egypt and Sumeria
3. Elucidate Romila Thapar's concept on the decline of Mauryan Empire.

**B**

**Answer any eight questions in about three pages each.**  
**Each question carries five marks**

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the Hunter-Gatherer Society with the Pastoral Society
5. Trace the circumstances that led to urbanization in the ancient world.
6. Write about the significance of Malinowski's study of a tribal society.
7. What do you know of exchange by force?
8. Trace the evidence of early overseas trade.
9. Explain the implications of slave revolts in the plebeian society.
10. Discuss the Persian concept of the Ages.
11. Examine the historical consciousness in vedic and puranic traditions of ancient India.

12. Bring out the importance of Buddhism in the making of Indian polity
13. Discuss the characteristics of an empire.
14. Discuss the impact of discovery of iron on military technology
15. Trace the development of scientific knowledge in ancient China.