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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2009

**C-1 - State and Society in the Ancient World
(2007 Admission)**

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 80 marks

SECTION - A

(Answer any TWO questions in about eight pages. Each question carries 20 marks)

1. Assess the contribution of Iravatham Mahadevan to the understanding of Indus Society.
2. Trace the early history of overseas trade and analyze its impact on the process of urbanization in ancient near East.
3. Differentiate the nature of Mauryan state from that of Greek City State.
4. Analyze the causative factors that facilitated transition of a society from ancient to medieval.
5. Highlight Gibbon's views on fall of the Roman Empire.

(2x20=40 marks)

SECTION - B

(Answer any EIGHT questions in about three pages each. Each question carries five marks)

6. Write about Malinowski's contribution to the study of a tribal society.
7. Bring out the ideas of statecraft found in *Arthashastra of Kautilya*.
8. Point out how the discovery of iron revolutionized the agricultural production and contributed to the state formation in the ancient world.
9. Discuss the characteristics of the ancient Chinese State.
10. Point out how slavery as an institution helped for the rise of empires in ancient near East.
11. Highlight the influence of Confucianism on Chinese Polity.
12. Describe the modes of production and distribution prevailed in the age of pastoralism.
13. Analyze the viewpoints of Romila Thapar on the decline of Mauryan Empire.
14. Trace the evolution of art of writing in ancient world.
15. Establish the nexus between state and religion in perpetuating the oppressive and exploitative system of governance in ancient India.
16. Give an account of the republican form of government in ancient Rome.

(8x5=40 marks)

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