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Paper III—FORMATION OF STATE AND SOCIETY IN ANCIENT INDIA (2004 admissions) Maximum : 80 Marks

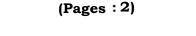
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## Part A

*Answer* **all** questions. *Each* question carries 1 mark.

1. In which of the Rock Edicts of Asoka is the Kalinga war described ? (b) XI. (a) X. (d) XIII. (c) XII. was the exponent of the Central Asian homeland theory of the origin of Aryans. 2. (b) Phillippo Sassetti. (a) P. Giles. (d) B.G. Tilak. (c) Max Muller. 3 Where did Buddha attain Nirvana ? (b) Vaisali. (a) Gaya. (d) Kusinagara. (c) Saketa.  $_{4.}$  Who was the most prominent God of the Rig Vedic period ? (b) Indra. (a) Soma. (d) Rudra. (c) Varuna. 5. King Kharavela ruled around (b) 150 B.C. (a) 200 B.C. (d) 50 B.C. (c) 100 B.C. was the economy represented by the later Vedic culture. 6. – (b) Industrial. (a) Pastoral. (c) Mixed pastoral and agricultural. (d) Agricultural. 7. Nagarjuna was a great teacher of (b) Buddhism. (a) Brahmanical Hinduism. (d) Ajivika Sect. (c) Jainism.



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History (Main)

Name

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- Chandragupta I. (a) Samudragupta. (b)
- (c) Chandragupta II. (d) Kumaragupta.
- 9. was the author of Mudrarakhasa.
  - (a) Kalidasa. (b) Visakhadatta. (c) Shudraka. (d) Bharavi.

10. Late stage of Mature Harappan culture continued until about

(a) 2000 B.C.	(b) 1700 B.C.
(c) 1200 B.C.	(S) 1700 B.C.
	(d) 1000 B.C.

### $(10 \ge 1 = 10 \text{ marks})$

### Part B

# Answer any **eight** questions.

Each question carries 5 marks.

- How do you characterise the Harappan state .Substantiate your answer with suitable 11.
- 12. Account for the rise of Heterodox sects in the post Vedic period.
- 13. Write a note on the subsistence patterns of the Vedic Aryans.
- 14. Discuss the transition from tribalism to Varna based social order.
- 15.
- What is an oligarchy ? Discuss the features of the polity of oligarchical formations 16.
- Evaluate the contributions of the Buddhists to religions and philosophical literature. 17.
- Write a note on the nature and features of the Mauryan State.
- What role did the industry and long distance trade play in the Mauryan economy ? 18.
- 19. Discuss the constitution and functions of the Srenis.
- Examine the statue of the Shudras in ancient India. 20.
- 21. Give an account of the monasteries and their importance in Buddhist order 22.
  - What is common betwen Varna and Jati orders ? Inwhat matters do the two differ ?

 $(8 \ge 5 = 40 \text{ marks})$ 

## Part C (Essay)

# Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- Discuss the problems in understanding the Harappan religion and polity. 23.
- 24. Write an essay on the process of state formation in the Gangetic region.
- 25. What led to the expansion of agriculture and trade in early historical India ? What were the
- Examine the nature of State and polity in South India as reflected in early Sangam literature. 26.

 $(2 \ge 15 = 30 \text{ marks})$