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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2012

History

C1—STATE AND SOCIETY IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

(2007 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

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

1. Examine the rise and fall of the ancient civilization in the context of **Toynbee's** concept of 'Challenge and Response'.
2. Bring out the link that existed among the world religions during the 6th century B.C.
3. What are the factors that decided the nature of the **Mauryan Empire** ?
4. Analyse the views of **Eward** Gibbon on the decline and fall of the Rome Empire and point out its merits and defects.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

Part B

*Answer any **eight** questions in about **three** pages each.
Each question carries 5 marks.*

5. Explain the features that led to the disappearance of the **Harappan Civilization**.
6. Describe the legal systems of ancient Rome.
7. Trace the genesis of state formation in the ancient world.
8. Estimate the impact of overseas trade on Malabar.
9. Mention the nature of Chinese state under Emperor **K'ungs**.
10. Sketch the form of Government prevailed under the Persian Empire.
11. How far Greece is regarded as the cradle of democracy as well as slavery ?
12. Trace the beginning of **agrestic** slavery in the world.
13. Estimate the role of philosophy in ancient India.
14. Examine the impact of myth on the history of the people.
15. Review the status of women on the eve of the transition to the medieval period.
16. Sketch the nature of state formation during the transition period of the medieval period.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)