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SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JULY 2012

(CUCSS)

History

HIS CSS 2C 105—PROBLEMS AND DEBATES IN ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Section A

*Answer **all** the following questions in a paragraph each.*

*Each question carries a **weightage** of 2.*

1. Migration hypothesis of the Aryans.
2. Pro-Dravidian Roots of the Indus Script.
3. **Shamasastri** and **Arthasastra**.
4. **Kalabhra** Interregnum.

(4 x 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B

*Answer any **five** of the following short essays.*

*Each question carries a **weightage** of 4.*

5. What are the archaeological evidences to solve the Aryan problem ?
6. What is your opinion about the Indo-European origin of the Aryans ?
7. Estimate the role of Sir John Marshall in the excavation of the **Harappan** site.
8. Review the opinion of **Iravathan Mahadevan** on the nature of Indus script.
9. Trace the transition from lineage to state.
10. Bring out the difference between Asiatic Mode of Production and Oriental Despotism.
11. How did the feudatories of South India decide the transition from ancient to the medieval period ?

(5 x 4 = 20 weightage)

Section C

*Answer any **one** of the following essay questions.*

*Each question carries a **weightage** of 8.*

12. Attempt a debate on the linguistic approach to the Aryan problem.
13. Assess the role of natural calamities on the decline and ruin of the **Harappan** Civilization.