

SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2013

(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 only.*

1. Reliability of the Oral traditions of the Vedas.
2. Saraswathi River controversy.
3. Asoka's invasion of Kalinga.
4. The age of the *Tamil-Brahmi* or *Tamili* script.

(4 x 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B

*Answer any **five** of the following in short essays.
Each question carries a weightage of 4 only.*

5. Write a note on the nearly correct meaning of the term *Aryan*.
6. Sketch the proto-Dravidian origin of the Indus script.
7. Describe A.L. Basham's views on Ayodhya as a 'tribal state'.
8. Did the caste system (*Caturvarna*) give order and stability to Indian Society ?
9. 'From the Punjab to the Ganges Valley'. Was there a continuous process of urbanization ?
10. Were the Satavahanas the feudatories of the Mauryas ?
11. Was the Sangam Age in the South a myth ?

(5 x 4 = 20 weightage)

Section C

*Answer any **one** of the following in essay form.
The question carries a weightage of 8 only.*

12. Do you subscribe to the theory that the knowledge of the early Aryans of the sub-continent of India was limited only to the Northwest and the Central part of India ?
13. Do you agree with the view that there was a separate geo-physical entity and cultural identity in the south of the Vindhya ?

(1 x 8 = 8 weightage)