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SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

History

HIS CSS 2C105—PROBLEMS AND DEBATES IN ANCIENT INDIA 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. Importance of Vedas in writing early history of India.
2. **Alahabad** Pillar inscription.
3. **Ashoka's** invasion of **Kalinga**.
4. The age of Tamil Anthologies.

(4 x 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essays)

*Answer any **five** of the following.
Each question carries a **weightage** of 4.*

5. Religious beliefs of the Indus People.
6. Discuss the various theories related to the decline of **Harappan** Civilization.
7. Do you agree the view that the **Sathavahanas** were the feudatories of the **Mauryas**.
8. Briefly explain the different views about the political apparatus of the **Mauryas**.
9. Was there a **Sangam** age in South Indian history ?
10. Debates on **Arthasasthra**.
11. **Caturvarnya** was peculiar to Indian Society. Did it give order and stability to Indian Society ?

(5 x 4 = 20 weightage)

Section C (Essays)

*Answer any **one** of the following.
The question carries a **weightage** of 8.*

12. Briefly discuss the various theories regarding the Aryans.
13. Critically examine the factors worked behind for the transition from ancient to medieval.

(1 x 8 = 8 weightage)

