

2012

( November )

HISTORY

( Major )

Course : 101

( Introduction to History and its Sources )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) Who was known as the 'father of history'?
- (b) Name the author of the book, *What is History?*
- (c) What is the meaning of *Rajatarangini*?
- (d) During whose reign Megasthenes visited India?
- (e) Who wrote the *Tarikh-i-Firuj-Shahi*?

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- (f) Name the author of the *Darrang Rajvamsawali*
- (g) Which Ahom ruler initiated the system of writing *Buranjis* in Assam?
- (h) Who edited *Deodhai Assam Buranji* in 1935?

2. Write short notes on any four of the following : 4×4=16

- (a) Relation of history with geography
- (b) Subaltern trend of history writing
- (c) Hiuen-Tsang
- (d) Account of Al-beruni on India
- (e) Tejpur Inscription of Harjjarvarman
- (f) Tripura Buranji

3. Answer any four questions of the following :

- (a) "The scope of history is wide—the theme is the past, present and future of man." In the light of the statement, discuss the scope of history. 14

Or

What is source of history? Define primary and secondary sources. Discuss internal and external criticism of sources. 2+4+8=14

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- (b) Give an account of Vedic literature as a source of ancient Indian history. 14

Or

Discuss the importance of Allahabad Pillar Inscription as a source of history.

- (c) How did Zia-ud-din Barani sketch the economic life of the people of India? 14

Or

Discuss the development of regional language 'Bakhar' in Maharashtra.

- (d) Discuss the development of 'Charit Puthi' tradition in Assam. 14

Or

Discuss the importance of coins as a source material of the history of medieval Assam.

- (e) Write an account on the Copper Plate Inscription of the Siva temple (Dergaon, 1734 AD) and assess its historical importance. 14

Or

What was the main objective of Captain Welsh's Report? How did the Report reflect the prevailing political, economic and social conditions of Assam? 4+10=14

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