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(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. (a) Answer the following questions : $1 \times 8 = 8$

(i) What is the meaning of Greek word
Historia?

(ii) Name the author of the book, *The
Idea of History*.

(iii) During whose reign Fa-Hien visited
India?

(iv) Who was the composer of Allahabad Pillar Inscription?

(v) Who was the author of *Akbar-namah*?

(vi) Who first translated *Ramayana* into Assamese language?

(vii) Mention the name of the Ahom king who issued the Inscription of the Bengena Ati Satra in AD 1773.

(viii) Name the physician who accompanied Captain Welsh in his expedition to Assam.

(b) Write short notes on any three of the following (within 150 words) : $4 \times 3 = 12$

(i) Internal criticism of sources

(ii) Jatakas

(iii) Bernier

(iv) Charit Puthis

(v) Deodhai Asom Buranji

2. What is history? Discuss the relation between history and geography. $4+8=12$

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Or

What are the major trends of history writing in India? Make a critical note on subaltern trends of history writing in India. $4+8=12$

3. Give an account of *Arthasastra* as an important source material of Ancient India. 12

Or

Who was Hiuen-Tsang? Write a brief note on his account of India. $2+10=12$

4. Critically examine the works of Mulla Abdul Qadir Badauni as a historiographer. 12

Or

Write a brief note on the development of Bengali as a regional language of India.

5. How does the Nidhanpur Copperplate Land Grant Inscription help us to write the history of the time of king Bhaskaravarman? 12

Or

Discuss the importance of *Kalika Purana* and *Yogini Tantra* as sources of Ancient Assam. $6+6=12$

(Turn Over)

6. Make a critical assessment of the Buranjis as sources for writing history of Medieval Assam.

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Or

What are the subjects discussed by Shihabuddin Talish in his account on Assam? Is this account historically perfect?

8+4=12

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