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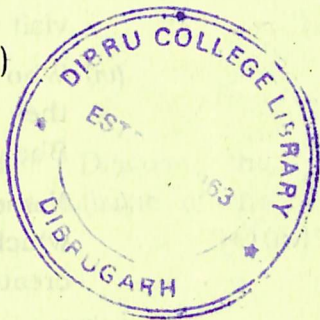
2014

( November )

HISTORY

( Major )

Course : 101



( Introduction to History and its Sources )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32 (Backlog) / 24 (2014–15 Session)

Time : 3 hours

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

1. (a) Answer the following questions : 1×8=8
  - (i) Who was known as the 'Father of History'?
  - (ii) Who wrote *Rajatarangini*?
  - (iii) During whose reign Hiuen Tsang visited India?
  - (iv) To which country Alberuni belonged?

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(v) Who was the Sultan of Delhi at the time of Zia-ud-din Barani's visit to India?

(vi) Who originally prepared and issued the Nidhanpur Copperplates of Bhaskaravarman?

(vii) Name one of the languages in which the Bhakti literature was created.

(viii) By which name the Koch coins were known?

(b) Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3

(i) Relation of History with Sociology

(ii) Kautilya

(iii) Tavernier

(iv) Tezpur Inscription of Harjarabarmān

(v) Padshah Burānji

2. "History is an unending dialogue between the past and the present." In the light of this statement, discuss the main aims of its study.

Or

Briefly discuss the major trends of history writing in India. Explain briefly the nationalist trends of history writing in India.

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3. Give an account of Vedic literature as an important source material of ancient India. 12

Or

Who was Megasthenese? Discuss the importance of his account as one of the sources of Indian History. 2+10=12

4. How do the writings of Abul Fazl throw light on the reign of Akbar? 12

Or

Who was Bernier? Do you think that Bernier's account enables the historians to reconstruct contemporary history of India? 2+10=12

5. How did the work, *Darang Raj Vamsavali* help us to have a glimpse of medieval history of Assam? 12

Or

Explain the importance of coins as a source for the writing of medieval history of Assam.

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6. What is your understanding on the inscriptions and their types? Write an account on the Land and Servitor Grant Inscription of the Bengena Ati Satra, Majuli (AD 1773).

4+8=12

Or

Who was Captain Welsh? Why did he come to Assam? Write a brief note on his report.

1+2+9=12

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