

1 SEM TDC HST M 1

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(November)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 101

(Introduction to History and its Sources)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32 (Backlog) / 24 (2014 onwards)

Time : 3 hours

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

1. (a) Answer the following in one word or in one sentence : 1×8=8
- (i) "History makes man wise." Who coined the statement?
 - (ii) Who was the author of *Prison Notebook*?
 - (iii) Name the book written in ancient India on the art of running a State or a Government.

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(iv) To which country Alberuni belonged?

(v) Who was honoured as Historiographer—Royal of the Mughals?

(vi) Name the place where The Nidhanpur Copper Plates of Bhaskar Varman were discovered.

(vii) Name the Ahom king whose coins are the oldest discovered till date.

(viii) By which name the State Archive of the Ahoms was known?

(b) Write short notes on any three of the following :
4×3=12

(i) Internal criticism of sources

(ii) Jatakas

(iii) Hindavi

(iv) Guwahati Copper Plate Grant of Indrapala

(v) Tripura Buranji

(3)

Define the term 'history' and briefly describe its scope. 6+6=12

Or

Write a note on the relationship of history with archaeology and sociology. 6+6=12

3. Give an account of the Arthasastra as an important source material of ancient India. 12

Or

Discuss the importance of Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudra Gupta as a source of ancient Indian history.

4. Give an account of Alberuni's account of India. 12

Or

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

5. Write a note on Kalika Purana as an important source of Assam history. 12

Or

Make an estimate of the Darrang Raj Vamsavali as a source of the history of medieval Assam.

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(Turn Over)

6. Describe the importance of the inscriptions of medieval Assam.

Or

Assess the importance of Captain Welsh's Report on Assam.
