

**1 SEM TDC HST M 1**

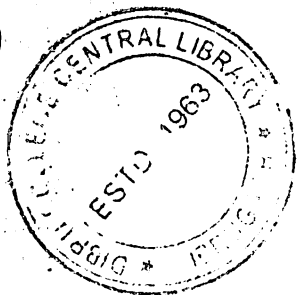
**2017**

( November )

**HISTORY**

( Major )

Course : 101



**( Introduction to History and its Sources )**

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32/24*

*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) What is the Greek word for history?
  - (ii) Who is the author of the book, *What is History*?
  - (iii) During whose reign Fa Hien came to India?
  - (iv) Name the scholar who edited the Hathigumpha Inscription of Kharavela.

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- (v) Who was Francois Bernier?
- (vi) By which name the Koch coins are known?
- (vii) Who issued the Inscription of the Bengena-Ati Satra, Majuli?
- (viii) Name the physician who accompanied Captain Welsh in his expedition to Assam.

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

- (i) Relation of history with geography
- (ii) Arthasastra
- (iii) Alberuni
- (iv) Nidhanpur Copper Plates Inscription

(v) Deodhai Buranji

2. What are the sources of history? Discuss internal and external criticisms of the sources. 4+8=

Or

What are the major trends of history writing in India? Discuss the nationalist trend of history writing. 4+8=

3. Who was Kalhana? Assess the importance of Kalhana's *Rajatarangini* as a source of ancient Indian history. 2+10=

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Or

Who was Megasthenes? Discuss the importance of his account as a source of ancient Indian history. 2+10=12

4. Describe briefly the importance of Abu-l Fazl's *Ain-i-Akbari* as a source of Mughal history. 12

Or

Briefly describe the development of Bakhar as a regional tradition of Maharashtra.

5. Write a note on the development of Charit tradition in Assam and its importance as a source. 12

Or

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

6. Write an essay on the development of Buranji tradition in Assam. 12

Or

Evaluate the account of Shihab-ud-din Talish as a source of political and social history of medieval Assam.

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