

2012

( November )

HISTORY

( Major )

Course : 302

( Social and Economic History of Assam )

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 in 1 word or  
in 1 sentence : 1×8=8

(a) Which goddess is the focal point of the  
book *Kalika Purana*?

(b) What was an *agrahara* settlement?

(c) Who were called 'Bahatiyas'?



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(d) Which of the following book was not written by Shankaradeva?

(i) *Srimadbhagavat Gita*

(ii) *Kirtan-Ghosha*

(iii) *Bhakti Ratnakara*

(iv) *Rukmini Harana Nataka*

(e) What is the meaning of 'Katani-mati'?

(f) What is the full form of ARTC?

(g) Where is the first oil refinery of Asia located?

(h) Name the missionary who first compiled the modern Assamese dictionary.

2. Write short notes on any three of the following :  
4×3=12

(a) Saktism in Ancient Assam

(b) Satra Institution

(c) Posa System

(d) Coal Industry in Colonial Assam

(e) Assam Sahitya Sabha

3. How did caste and class in early Assam emerge? Write a brief note on the caste and classes in early Assam. 12

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Or

Mention the basic objectives behind making land grants in ancient Assam. What were the impacts of land grants on social life?

4. How was the Paik system organized? State how the Paiks were different from the slaves.

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Or

Give an account of the growth and development of the Neo-Vaishnavite movement in Assam.

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5. Write a brief note on the agriculture and land systems of medieval Assam.

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Or

Discuss briefly about the trade routes and trade commodities of medieval Assam.

6. Trace the history of the growth and development of the Tea Industry in colonial Assam.

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Or

Write briefly about the development of railways in colonial Assam.

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7. Discuss the role of Christian Missionaries in the growth of modern education in Assam. 12

Or

Write a brief note on the literary and cultural development in colonial Assam.

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