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(May)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 401

[History of India (From the Earliest
Times to 1200 AD)]

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 one word
or in one sentence : 1×8=8

(a) What is the name of the first and most
important Vedas of the Aryans?

(b) Who was the author of Arthasastra?

(c) Name the special class of officers
appointed by Ashoka to propagate
Buddhism.

(Turn Over)

(2)

- (d) Who was the founder of Sunga Dynasty?
(e) During whose reign the Fourth Buddhist Council was held?
(f) Who was Fa-Hien?
(g) Who was the first ruler of Satavahanas?
(h) Name the Chola ruler who took the title 'Gangaikonda'.

2. Write short notes on (any three) : $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (a) Ashrama System of the Aryans
(b) Megasthenes
(c) Kharavela
(d) Minandar
(e) Pulakeshi II

3. Write briefly the main features of the Indus Valley Civilization. 12

Or

Discuss briefly the political and economic life of the people in the Later Vedic Period.

4. Describe the origin and development of Buddhism in ancient India. Why did it decline in the country of its birth? 12

(3)

Or

What were the internal and external difficulties confronted by Chandragupta Maurya in establishing his monarchy in ancient India? What measures did he adopt to overcome the difficulties? $4+8=12$

5. What were the officials as well as welfare measures adopted by Ashoka to propagate 'Dhamma'? 12

Or

Discuss the causes of the decline of the Mauryas.

6. Who were the Kushanas? Evaluate the achievements of Kanishka. $4+8=12$

Or

Bring out the importance of the reign of Chandragupta II in the history of India. 12

7. Form an estimate of the contributions of Pallavas to the cultural history of Southern India. 12

Or

Give a brief account of the Chola System of administration.
