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HISTORY

( Major )

Course : 401

[ History of India (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) Which of the Aryan deities was called Purandar?
  - (b) In which place Buddha was born?
  - (c) How many Mahajanapadas were there in Ancient India?
  - (d) Who wrote Arthashastra?

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- (e) Who assumed the title, Devanama Priya?
- (f) Who is called the 'Napoleon of India'?
- (g) During whose reign Hiuen Tsang came to India?
- (h) Who was the first historical ruler of the Chola dynasty?
2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (a) Town Planning and Drainage System of Harappan Civilization
- (b) Mahavira
- (c) Pushyamitra Sunga
- (d) Account of Fa-Hien
- (e) Gautamiputra Satakarni
3. Write briefly the main features of the Indus Valley Civilization. 12

Or

Write a note on the social and economic conditions of the people in the Rig-Vedic period.

4. Discuss the background of the rise of Buddhism. Briefly write its major teachings. 12

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Or

Trace the growth of Maurya dynasty till the coming of Asoka.

5. Discuss the religious policy of Asoka. What measures did he adopt for the spread of his Dhamma. 8+4=12

Or

Discuss the causes of the decline of the Mauryas. 12

6. Who was Kanishka? Give an account of his achievements. 4+8=12

Or

Do you regard the Gupta period as a golden period of Indian history? Give reasons. 12

7. Discuss about the society and culture of South India as reflected in Sangam literature. 12

Or

Give a brief account of the Chola system of administration.

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