

4 SEM TDC HST M 1

2017

(May)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 401

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

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following as directed in 1 word or
in 1 sentence each : 1×8=8

(a) Name one of the archaeologists who was
involved in the excavation of Indus
Valley remains.

(b) Which is the oldest of the four Vedas?

(c) Which Buddhist text mentions about
the Sixteen Mahajanapadas?

(2)

(d) Name the birthplace of Gautam Buddha.

(e) Who was the last ruler of the Mauryans?

(f) Name a Sanskrit drama composed by Kalidasa.

(g) During whose reign the Gandhara school of Art flourished?

(h) Who was the founder of Satavahana dynasty?

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

(a) Causes of the decline of the Indus Civilization

(b) Main teachings of Mahavira

(c) Welfare activities of Asoka

(d) Menander

(e) Pallava Art

3. Narrate the main features of the Indus Civilization. 12

Or

Describe the social and religious condition of the Rig-Vedic period.

(3)

4. Trace the circumstances that led to the rise of Buddhism in North India. 12

Or

Examine the background of the Mauryan state formation.

5. Narrate the causes of the decline of the Mauryans. 12

Or

Describe the major achievements of Pushyamitra Sunga.

6. Make an estimate of Kanishka. 12

Or

Explain how far the Gupta period was a golden age in Ancient Indian History.

7. Discuss the society and culture of the Sangam Age in South India. 12

Or

Review the Chola system of administration.
