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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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First Semester

History — Core

HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA UPTO 1206 CE

(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Allahabad pillar inscription is associated with
  - (a) Chandra Gupta I
  - (b) Chandra Gupta II
  - (c) Chandra Gupta III
  - (d) Samudra Gupta



2. Which one of the city is situated on the banks of river Rabi?
- (a) Mohenjadarro (b) Harappa  
(c) Lothal (d) Kalibangan
3. Who is called as the "Light of Asia"?
- (a) Gautama Buddha  
(b) Mahavira  
(c) Ajata Satru  
(d) Akbar
4. Alexander the great was died in the year
- (a) 322 B.C (b) 323 B.C  
(c) 324 B.C (d) 326 B.C
5. Who was the founder of Satavahana Dynasty?
- (a) Kanishka (b) Simuka  
(c) Skanda Gupta (d) Kumara Gupta
6. The author of Mudrarakshasa is
- (a) Kautilya (b) Bana  
(c) Vishakhadatta (d) Patanjali



7. During whose time the versara style of art was originated?
- (a) Satavahanas (b) Hoysalas  
(c) Chalukyas (d) Guptas
8. The author of the book 'Harsha-Charita' is
- (a) Kautilya  
(b) Vishakadatta  
(c) Patanjali  
(d) Bana
9. Who plundered the Somnath Temple?
- (a) Mahmud of Ghori  
(b) Mahmud of Gazini  
(c) Balban  
(d) Ala-ud-din Kilji
10. In which year the first battle of Tarain took place?
- (a) 1190 (b) 1191  
(c) 1192 (d) 1194



PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on literary sources of Ancient India.

Or

- (b) Mention the importance of Rig Veda.

12. (a) List out the impacts of Persian invasion.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on Dharma Mahamatras.

13. (a) Bring out the achievements of Satavahanas.

Or

- (b) Explain the social condition under the Gupta Empire.

14. (a) Discuss the administrative system under the rule of Harsha Vardhana.

Or

- (b) Point out the achievements of Rakhtrakutas.



15. (a) Describe about the origin of Rajputs.

Or

(b) Write a short note on second battle of Tarain.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Describe the geographical features of India.

Or

(b) Write an essay on Early Vedic Civilization.

17. (a) Describe the Legacy of Buddhism to India.

Or

(b) Examine the contribution of Mauryas to art and architecture.

18. (a) Critically analyse the conquests of Samudra Gupta.

Or

(b) Discuss the economic condition under the Gupta Empire.



19. (a) Evaluate the achievements of Pulakesin I.

Or

(b) List out the contribution of Chalukyas to the development of art and architecture.

20. (a) Write an essay on the conquest of Mahmud of Ghazni.

Or

(b) Give an account of the invasion of Mahmud of Ghori.

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