

# HISTORY

660286

## Paper-II

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

**Instructions :** (1) Answer any **five** questions.

(2) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) Elaborate upon the Painted Grey Ware cultural sites in India and their importance in the history of ancient India.
  - (b) Highlight the importance of *Arthashastra* as source of history of ancient India.
  - (c) Write an account on the extent of Harappan Civilization in the territory of present day India and mention the features of the sites.
  - (d) Write a note on *Gopati* and *Bhupati*.
  - (e) Describe the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha.
  - (f) Discuss the role of iron technology in the rise of the second urbanization.
2. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) Write a note on the expansion of Magadhan empire under Chandragupta Maurya.
  - (b) Examine the achievements of Chandragupta I as the founder of the Gupta empire.
  - (c) Evaluate the importance of the account of Hiuen Tsang as a source for the study of the reign of Harshavardhan.
  - (d) Who were the major powers of the Tripartite Struggle? While writing about the struggle in brief describe in detail how the long struggle weakened the North Indian powers.
  - (e) Describe the development of Dravidian style of architecture during the Chola rule.
3. Attempt any **one** of the following : 20
- (a) Do you agree that Iltutmish was the real founder of the Delhi Sultanate? Give reasons in support of your answer.
  - (b) How did the market control measures and military reforms of Alauddin Khilji contribute to the consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate? Describe with suitable examples.
  - (c) The Vijayanagar rulers helped in the development of art and architecture of the region. Explain with suitable examples.

4. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) What were the causes for the rise of Bhakti Movement in India?
  - (b) What is Sufism? Describe the philosophy of Chisti School of Sufi saints in India.
  - (c) Analyse the evolution of the religious policy of Akbar and highlight the nature of Ibadat Khana and Din-i-Ilahi.
  - (d) Critically examine the factors for the downfall of the Mughal empire.
5. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) Describe the circumstances leading to the Battle of Plassey and its impact on Bengal politics.
  - (b) Write a brief account on the features of Ryotwari Settlement in Madras and Bombay Presidencies.
  - (c) Describe the social reforms initiated by Raja Ram Mohan Roy and his contributions to eradicate 'social evils'.
  - (d) Describe some of the important Peasant Movements in India during the British Period.
  - (e) Elucidate the important economic causes of the Revolt of 1857.
6. Attempt any **one** of the following : 20
- (a) Describe the factors for the rise of Nationalism in India leading to the formation of the Indian National Congress.
  - (b) Describe the circumstances leading to the Non-Cooperation Movement. Did it achieve its goal? Comment.
7. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) Examine the causes leading to the Industrial Revolution. Why did it start in England?
  - (b) What were the main causes of the Second World War?
  - (c) Evaluate the role of the United Nations Organisation in establishing peace after the Second World War.
  - (d) Describe the significance of the Chinese Revolution of 1949.
8. Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) Evaluate the contributions of Kumar Bhaskaravarman in the history of pre-Ahom Assam.
  - (b) Discuss the important features of Ahom-Nyishi relations.
  - (c) Describe the trade items and trade contacts of the people of central Arunachal Pradesh with Tibet and Assam during the pre-colonial and colonial periods.
  - (d) Describe the background of the Anglo-Abor (Adi) relations leading to the War of 1911. Did the policy of the British change after the same? Explain.