

CC/M/EXAM.
2020

HISTORY

PAPER—I

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

Note : Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any **three** are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

SECTION—A

1. Answer *any five* of the following questions :

10×5=50

- (a) What is the importance of *Arthashastra* for the study of ancient Indian polity?
- (b) Who were the Gods and Goddesses of the Rig-Vedic period?
- (c) Highlight the contribution of *shrenis* in the expansion of trade and commerce during 6th century BC.
- (d) Write about the concept of *Mahayana*.
- (e) Describe the importance of *Tahqiq-i-Hind*.
- (f) Highlight the significance of *Nagaram*.
- (g) Describe the development of temple architecture during the Gupta period.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Describe the urban development of the Indus Valley Civilization. 20
- (b) Write a detailed note on the development of art and architecture during the Post-Maurya period. 15
- (c) Do you consider the Gupta age as the Golden Age of ancient Indian history? Justify your answer with suitable illustrations. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Discuss the development of major schools of Indian philosophy up to the 12th century CE. 20
- (b) Did the system of land grants in the Gupta-Vākātaka period contribute to the decentralization of State? Explain. 15
- (c) Critically examine the various theories of the origin of Rajputs. 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) How did the Mongol invasions affect the Delhi Sultanate and the North-Western frontier policy of the Delhi Sultans? 20
- (b) Describe the kingship theory of Balban. 15
- (c) Examine the development of *Sagun Bhakti* in North India. 15

SECTION—B

5. Answer *any five* of the following questions : 10×5=50

- (a) Explain the significance of Ulema in the Delhi Sultanate.
- (b) Describe the Afghan kingship theory.
- (c) Explain the *Posa* system of the Ahom rulers of Assam.
- (d) Highlight the significance of *Ain-i-Akbari*.
- (e) Explain the role played by *Nayakas* in the administration of Vijayanagaram.
- (f) Who was Zain-ul-Abidin?
- (g) Assess the introduction of new war technology during the Mughals.

6. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Give a detailed account of the price control measures of Alauddin Khalji. How were these measures linked to larger political and military affairs of his reign? 20
- (b) Discuss the policies of social welfare of Firuz Shah Tughlaq. 15
- (c) Explain the philosophy and the approach to the State of the Suhrawardi saints of India. 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Explain the process by which Akbar created a composite governing class. What methods did he adopt to organize and control the nobility? 20

(b) Describe the trade and industrial centres of the Medieval period. 15

(c) How do the Mughal court paintings of the periods of Jahangir and Shah Jahan reflect the imperial and cultural ideology of the Mughal Empire? Elucidate. 15

8. Answer the following questions :

(a) Critically examine the nature and impact of the Deccan Policy of Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb. 20

(b) Was the religious policy of Aurangzeb, the main cause of the decline of the Mughal Empire? Elucidate. 15

(c) Shivaji was a powerful conqueror as well as a successful administrator. Comment. 15

★ ★ ★