

CCE(M)/HST-I/10/2024

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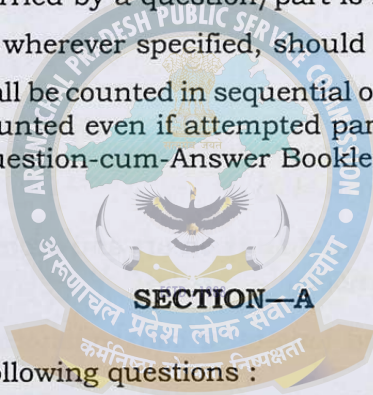
(PAPER—I)

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

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1. Answer any five of the following questions :

10×5=50

- (a) Analyse the key archaeological sources used for reconstructing early Indian history.
- (b) Examine the fundamental social beliefs and religious framework of the Rig Vedic period.
- (c) Analyse the religious and cultural aspects of the Indus-Saraswati Civilization based on archaeological findings.
- (d) Discuss the administrative structure and governance system of the Gupta Empire.
- (e) What are the salient features of the Dravidian style of the temple architecture?
- (f) Discuss the key principles of the *Nyaya* school of philosophy.
- (g) Analyse the administrative structure of the Chola Empire.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Analyse the major Neolithic sites in India and their significance in understanding early human settlements. 20
- (b) Discuss the significance of the sixteen *Mahajanapadas* in shaping early Indian history. What factors led to the dominance of Magadha among them? 15
- (c) Analyse the significance of the megalithic culture of Northeast India, highlighting its social, religious and archaeological aspects. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Examine the key themes and observations in Al-Biruni's *Kitab-ul-Hind*. How did he describe Indian society, religion and culture? 20
- (b) Discuss the major themes and literary styles of *Sangam* literature. 15
- (c) Examine the role of Devadasis in the early phase of the temple structure of South India. 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Examine the classification, content and historical importance of Ashoka's edicts in reconstructing Mauryan history. 20
- (b) Examine the impact of the Kushanas on art and architecture with reference to Gandhara and Mathura schools. 15
- (c) Discuss the immediate and long-term consequences of the Second Battle of Tarain (1192). 15

SECTION—B

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

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- (a) Highlight the importance of *Malafuz* literature.
- (b) Analyze the administrative system established by Shivaji.
- (c) What is *Alamgirnama*?
- (d) Describe the key roles and responsibilities of the term 'Shahna-i-Mandi'.
- (e) Discuss the factors that led to the decline of Mughal control over Bengal.
- (f) Evaluate the role of the Sikh Gurus in resisting Mughal oppression and protecting religious freedom in medieval India.
- (g) Discuss the administrative structure of the Ahom kingdom.

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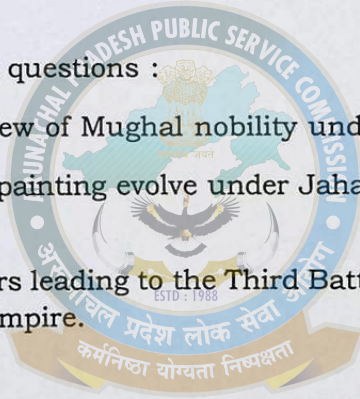
- (a) Write a brief account of the 'Chishti Silsila' of Sufism and highlight its influence on the State. 20
- (b) Discuss the key features of the Vijayanagara Empire's economy. 15
- (c) Examine the ambitious projects of Muhammad bin Tughlaq and the reasons for their failure. 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Examine the positions and functions of various zamindars during the Mughal era. 20
- (b) Analyse the administrative policies and reforms of Sher Shah Suri. 15
- (c) What was the significance of Alvars and Nayanars in the Bhakti tradition of South India? 15

8. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Provide an overview of Mughal nobility under Akbar's reign. 20
- (b) How did Mughal painting evolve under Jahangir? What were its distinguishing features? 15
- (c) Analyse the factors leading to the Third Battle of Panipat (1761) and its impact on the Maratha Empire. 15



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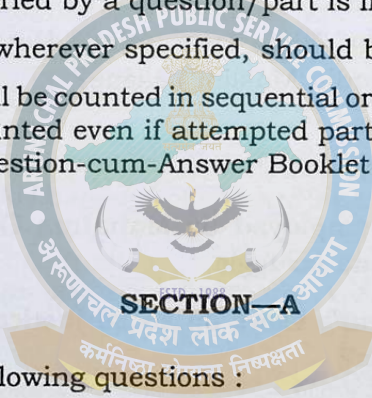
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- (a) What do you understand by the term *Magna Carta*? What were its important features?
- (b) When was the Treaty of Seringapatam signed? Briefly explain its key features.
- (c) Discuss some of the major political associations before the Indian National Congress.
- (d) What was Jinnah's 'Two-Nation Theory'?
- (e) Discuss the main characteristic features of Indian Communalism.
- (f) Briefly discuss the Hartog Committee of 1929.
- (g) Explain the Drain Theory of Dadabhai Naoroji.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Evaluate the significance of the 'Munda Ulgulan' in the broader context of tribal resistance in India. 20
- (b) How did the British Government respond to the growing nationalist press in India? Discuss the significance of press laws like the Vernacular Press Act of 1878. 15
- (c) What were the major crops associated with the commercialization of agriculture in colonial India? How did they impact the economy? 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) In what ways did Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Dayanand Saraswati influence social and religious changes in India? 20
- (b) Evaluate the impact of the Partition of Bengal (1905) on the Indian Nationalist Movement. 15
- (c) What were the aims of the Simla Deputation? How did it contribute to the establishment of the All-India Muslim League? 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Evaluate the strategies employed by Mahatma Gandhi to mobilise mass participation in the freedom struggle. 20
- (b) What were B. R. Ambedkar's views on social justice? How are they reflected in the Indian Constitution? 15
- (c) Examine the key provisions of the Cabinet Mission Plan. 15

SECTION—B

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- (a) Analyse the phrase 'Manifest Destiny'.
- (b) What was Rousseau's critique of private property?
- (c) What was the 'Monroe Doctrine' of 1823?
- (d) What was the 'Catholic Reformation'? What were its key features?
- (e) Examine the key features of the 'Weimer Republic'.
- (f) What were the key arguments and perspectives in the 'Divergence Debate' on the Industrial Revolution?
- (g) What were the key provisions of the Geneva Accords of 1954? What impact did they have?

6. Answer the following questions :

- (a) How did political, economical and social factors contribute to the 17th century crisis in Europe? 20
- (b) Discuss the causes and consequences of the American Civil War. 15
- (c) What were the main obstacles to German Unification before 1860? Why was Austria excluded from the unification process? 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Examine the key policies of Mussolini's Government in Italy. How did his domestic and foreign policies shape the country between 1922 and 1943? 20
- (b) What were the key ideological differences between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks in the debate on socialism in Russia? 15
- (c) In what ways did the League of Nations' failures contribute to the outbreak of World War II? 15

8. Answer the following questions :

- (a) What role did resistance movements, such as the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), play in the struggle against apartheid? 20
- (b) What were the major conflicts between British settlers and Indigenous Australians during the colonial period? 15
- (c) What were the key reasons for the formation of the European Union? Discuss its historical evolution from the European Economic Community (EEC) to the EU. 15

