

COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)

HISTORY

Paper—I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 200

- Note :** (1) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(2) Attempt **five** questions in all.
(3) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Answer any *ten* of the following :

4×10=40

- (a) Discuss the town planning of the Harappan Civilization.
- (b) Assess the role of 'Sabha' and 'Samiti' in the Vedic polity.
- (c) Describe the republics that existed in the age of Buddha.
- (d) Write a note on the chiefdoms of the Sangam age.
- (e) Give an estimate of the Chola king Rajaraja I as a ruler.
- (f) What are 'Kharaj' and 'Khams'?
- (g) Give an assessment of Jalaluddin Khalji as a ruler.
- (h) Discuss the role of Nurjahan during the reign of Jahangir.
- (i) Describe Anglo-Tripura relations.
- (j) Write a note on 'Satrajas' of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (k) Write a short note on the Galos.
- (l) Discuss the impact of Vaishnavism of Assam on Noctes.

2. Answer any *eight* of the following :

5×8=40

- (a) What are the main teachings of Lord Buddha?
- (b) Discuss the relations of Chandragupta Maurya with Seleucos Nikator.
- (c) Discuss the invasions of the Hunas and their impact in the decline of the Gupta dynasty.
- (d) Discuss the relations of Prithviraj Chauhan with Muhammad Ghori.
- (e) Write a note on the revolt of the nobles/nobility during the reign of Muhammad Bin Tughlaq.
- (f) Describe the expeditions of Babur in India.
- (g) Discuss the role of political interpreters in the history of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (h) Write a note on 'Paik' system.
- (i) Discuss Anglo-Nyishi relations.
- (j) Write about border 'haats' between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

3. Answer any *five* of the following :

8×5=40

- (a) Narrate the causes of the decline of the Harappan Civilization.
- (b) Discuss Ashoka's policy of Dhamma and its social relevance.
- (c) Describe the Iqtadari system of the Turkish Sultans.
- (d) Examine the kingship theory of Balban.
- (e) Discuss the relations of Akbar with the Rajputs.
- (f) Write a note on Anglo-Naga relation.
- (g) Write about the Nehru-Elvin policy of the administration in Arunachal Pradesh.

4. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Discuss the various theories regarding the origin of the Rajputs.
- (b) Describe the Tripartite Struggle. Assess the role played by the Rastrakutas in it.
- (c) Narrate the causes of the downfall of the Delhi Sultanate.
- (d) Describe Jaintia resistance to the British power in the nineteenth century.
- (e) Write about the important archaeological remains of Arunachal Pradesh and their utility in the reconstruction of the history of the area.

5. Answer any *two* of the following :

20×2=40

- (a) How far was the sixth century BC a period of revolutionary change in the Indian history? Give your views.
- (b) What do you mean by Khalji imperialism? Discuss the expansion of Sultanate during the reign of Alauddin Khalji.
- (c) Describe the Burmese invasion and its impact on the history of North-East India.

6. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) What are the salient features of the administrative systems of the Guptas?
- (b) Discuss the teachings of Kabir and Nanak and the impact of their teachings on the contemporary society.
- (c) Write about the beginning and development of the Mansabdari system during the reign of Akbar and the changes introduced by Jahangir.
- (d) Describe the extent and impact of Gandhian movement in Assam.
- (e) Write about the Regulations of 1873 and the introduction of Lines in Arunachal Pradesh.

7. Answer any *two* of the following : 20×2=40
- (a) Discuss the various views about the origin and migration of Singphos and Khamptis in Arunachal Pradesh.
- (b) Write about the functioning of Village Councils in Arunachal Pradesh.
- (c) Describe the British policy of expansion during the nineteenth century in Arunachal Pradesh.
8. Is it true that considerable surplus was the key to the urbanization of Ganga valley in the mid first millennium BC? What was its impact on the sociopolitical organization? 40
9. Discuss the administrative reforms of Sher Shah Suri. Were these reforms precursor to that of Akbar? 40
10. Discuss the Ahom-Mughal relations with special reference to the second-half of the seventeenth century AD. 40
