

2018/TDC/ODD/HISG-101T/076

TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2018

HISTORY

(1st Semester)

Course No. : HISGEC-101T/HISDSC-101T

**(History of India from Earliest Times
up to 300 CE)**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *four* questions from the following : 1×4=4

(a) What do you mean by epigraphy?

(b) By whom was *Arthashastra* authored?

(c) In how many parts can the Stone age be divided?

(2)

- (d) Name one tool of Mesolithic age.
- (e) From which country did Hiuen Tsang come to India?
2. (a) What is pre-history? 2
Or
- (b) What do you understand by the word palaeolithic? 2
3. (a) Write a note on the sources of ancient Indian history. 8
Or
- (b) Throw a light on the palaeolithic cultures in India. 8

UNIT—II

4. Answer any four questions from the following : 1×4=4
- (a) In which age of history did men become food producers?
- (b) Name a center of the chalcolithic culture in India.
- (c) In which year was the Indus Valley Civilization discovered?
- (d) What does the word Mohenjo-daro mean?
- (e) Which metal was unknown to the Indus people?

5. (a) Name two variations of chalcolithic culture in India. 2
Or
- (b) Name two sites of the Harappan civilization situated in India. 2
6. (a) Write a note on the features of neolithic culture in India. 8
Or
- (b) Discuss the town-planning system of the Indus Valley Civilization. 8

UNIT—III

7. Answer any four questions from the following : 1×4=4
- (a) What type of civilization was the Vedic civilization?
- (b) What was the basic unit of Aryan society?
- (c) Name the oldest Veda.
- (d) Where was Mahavira born?
- (e) Where did Buddha preach his sermon for the first time?

8. (a) Mention the names of two Janapadas. 2
Or
(b) What are the two sects of Jainism? 2
9. (a) Discuss the socio-economic condition of the early Vedic period. 4+4=8
Or
(b) Make an estimate of the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha. 3+5=8

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any four questions from the following : 1×4=4
- (a) When did Alexander invade India?
(b) Which Indian ruler did oppose Alexander?
(c) Which Nanda ruler was defeated by Chandragupta Maurya?
(d) Who was the grandson of Chandragupta Maurya?
(e) By whom was *Indika* authored?

11. (a) Which incident did change the mind of Ashoka? What change was brought in his policy? 1+1=2
Or
(b) Name the emissaries appointed by Ashoka for preaching his concept of Buddhism. 2
12. (a) Discuss the effects of Alexander's invasion in India. 8
Or
(b) Write a note on the Maurya administrative system. 8

UNIT—V

13. Answer any four questions from the following : 1×4=4
- (a) What is the meaning of the word Sangam?
(b) Which language was used in the literature of Sangam age?
(c) Which school of art did develop during the Kushana period?
(d) In which part of India did the Satavahanas rule?
(e) Who was the greatest ruler of the Satavahana dynasty?

14. (a) Name two Kushana rulers. 2

Or

(b) Name two inscriptions which are the sources for the history of the Satavahana dynasty. 2

15. (a) Assess the role of Kanishka as a patron of art and culture. 8

Or

(b) Make an estimate of the career and achievements of Gautamiputra Satakarni. 8
