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HISDSM-101T/126

FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2024

HISTORY
(1st Semester)

Course No. : HISDSM-101T

(History of India from Earliest Times
Till the Mauryan Period)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *two* from the following : 2×2=4
 - (a) Who were the authors of *Arthashastra* and *Indica*?
 - (b) What do you mean by the word 'Palaeolithic'?
 - (c) Mention the names of two Chalcolithic cultures of India.

2. Describe the importance of literary sources for the reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 10

(2)

OR

3. Give an account on the Neolithic culture of India. 10

UNIT—II

4. Answer any *two* from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Who discovered Mohenjo-daro? What does the word 'Mohenjo-daro' mean?
(b) Mention the two Indus Valley Sites located in present India.
(c) Name a metal and an animal which were unknown to the people of Indus Valley Civilization.

5. Trace the socio-religious life of the Indus Valley Civilization. 10

OR

6. Explain the circumstances leading to the decline of Indus Valley Civilization. 10

UNIT—III

7. Answer any *two* from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What does the word 'Veda' mean? Name the Oldest Veda.
(b) Name two important Gods of the Rigvedic period.
(c) Mention the names of two Jain Tirthankaras.

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(3)

8. Review the socio-political life of the later Vedic period. 10

OR

9. Make an account on the life and teachings of Gautam Buddha. 10

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any *two* from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Name two Mahajanapadas of 6th Century BC.
(b) Who was Darius I?
(c) To which country did Alexander belong? When did he invade India?

11. Describe the factors for the rise of Magadha in ancient India. 10

OR

12. Write a note on Alexander's invasion of India. 10

UNIT—V

13. Answer any *two* from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Mention the names of two Mauryan Rulers.

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- (b) In which year did Ashoka ascend the throne? Name the religion he adopted after the Kalinga War.
- (c) Who were Dhamma Mahamatras?

14. Describe the career and achievements of Chandragupta Maurya. 10

OR

15. Write a brief note on Ashoka's Dhamma. 10
