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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024

Second Semester

B.A. History

**B21HS02DC - History of India – I (From Pre- History to the 7th Century CE)
(2023 January admissions)**

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. The collection of flake tools recovered from the west of the Aravalli regions is called -----
2. Name the most significant Neolithic settlement in Kashmir valley.
3. Who coined the term 'neolithic revolution'?
4. From which Harappan site were the pottery kilns found?
5. For what does the abbreviation PGW stand for?
6. *Siksha, Kalpa, Vyakarana, Nirukta, Chandas* and *Jyotisha* are collectively called -----
7. What is *bali*?
8. Who were called *Ratnins* in the later Vedic period?
9. Where did Gautama Buddha deliver his first sermon?
10. What are called *basadis*?
11. Who is considered the author of *Arthashastra* ?
12. What does the term '*Moventhar*' mean?
13. Who was the founder of the Sathavahana dynasty?
14. What term is used to refer to the eco-zones of *Tamilakam*?
15. What does the '*Navaratnas*' refer to?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Name any two post Harappan cultures.
17. Define Proto history.
18. Name any two Neolithic settlements in India.
19. On what basis is the pre historic period classified into Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age?
20. What are the *Upnishads* and *Aranyakas*?

21. Name the four *ashramas* of life referred to in the later Vedic texts.
22. Which are the four phases of the pottery culture known to ancient India?
23. Write a short note on the Punch marked Coins.
24. Mention some important results of the Persian invasion.
25. Who were the *Dhamma Mahamatras* and what were they recruited for?
26. Describe the modern-day locations that correspond to ancient Tamilakam.
27. Name the literary sources that help in the reconstruction of the history of the Sungas.
28. Identify who were the *Nayanars*?
29. What is the *Ain Tinai* concept?
30. What is *Charaka Samhitha* about?

(2X10=20)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

31. Comment on the Neolithic Revolution.
32. Write a short note on the Indus Valley Trade relations.
33. Specify the geographical extension of the Harappan Civilisation.
34. Examine the economic transformation brought by Punch marked coins in ancient India.
35. Evaluate the role of King Ashoka in the spread of Buddhism.
36. Expose the diverse causes for the downfall of the Muryan Empire.
37. What insights into the polity of ancient Tamilakam can we derive from the Sangam literature?
38. Discuss on Kanishka's contributions to the growth of Buddhism.
39. Comment on the coinage system of the Satavahanas.
40. Examine the contributions of the Guptas in Literature.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

41. Appraise the various scholarly opinions about the decline of the Harappan Civilisation.
42. Explain the nature and significance of the Tribal assemblies in the Rig Vedic period.
43. To what extent did Buddhism shape and influence the social, cultural, and philosophical landscape of ancient India?
44. Evaluate the various typologies of megaliths and how are they distributed geographically in the Iron Age culture of South India?

(10X2=20)