



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2020

HISTORY

PAPER-I

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

CATEGORY-I

Answer any two questions within 750 words each

15×2 = 30

1. Explain the impact of geographical factors on the evolution of Indian history with special reference to the development of the major trade routes of communication in ancient India. 15
2. Determine the antiquity and extent of the Harappan civilization. 15
3. Discuss the material and social background behind the rise of Buddhism and Jainism in the 6th century B.C. 15
4. Discuss the achievements of Chandragupta Maurya as an empire builder. 15
5. Bring out the salient features of the Gupta administrative system. 15
6. Trace the evolution of caste system in ancient India. 15

CATEGORY-II

Answer any one question within 350 words

10×1 = 10

7. Discuss the importance of numismatic sources for the study of ancient Indian history. 10
8. What was the position of King in Rig Vedic period? 10
9. Do you think that Skanda Gupta may be called the 'Saviour of India'? 10
10. Write an account on Sangam literature. 10

CATEGORY-III

Answer any *two* questions within 100 words each

5×2 = 10

11. Define pre-history and proto-history. 5
12. Write a short note on Harappan Script. 5
13. Write a short note on the 'Varna system'. 5
14. Give a short description of the 'Shodasa Mahajanapadas'. 5
15. What is the historical significance of the Allahabad Prasasti? 5
16. Write a brief note on Rudradaman. 5
17. Write a short note on 'Nalanda University'. 5
18. Who was Pushyamitra Sunga? Was he really persecutor of Buddhism? 5

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