

III/HIST (iii)

2015

(3rd Semester)

HISTORY

THIRD PAPER

[History of India (Gupta to Sultanate Period)]

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. Make an assessment of the Gupta economy.

Or

Examine the social structure of the Guptas with reference to the position of women, slaves and untouchables.

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2. Write on the condition of India based on the account of Hiuen Tsang.

Or

Discuss the tripartite struggle for supremacy.

3. Make an analysis of the roles of urban centres, markets and trade in South India during the early medieval period.

Or

Trace the history of the Pallavas.

4. Write an essay on the Iqta system.

Or

Discuss the nature and impact of the invasion of Muhammad Ghori.

5. Write an essay on the Bhakti Movement.

Or

Give an account of the Vijayanagar Kingdom.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. The only one bonafide inscription recording a land grant made by a Gupta King was
 - (a) Chandragupta ()
 - (b) Skandagupta ()
 - (c) Samudragupta ()
2. The most prominent examples of the rock-cut architecture of the Gupta period are found at
 - (a) Deogarh ()
 - (b) Bhitargaon ()
 - (c) Ajanta ()

3. *Harshacharita* is a work by
- (a) Xuanzang ()
 - (b) Kalidasa ()
 - (c) Banabhatta ()
4. Mandapikas in early medieval India were
- (a) large cities ()
 - (b) brahmanical temples ()
 - (c) local centres of exchange ()
5. The 'Early State' model was proposed by
- (a) Burton Stein ()
 - (b) Noburu Karashima ()
 - (c) Y. Subbarayalu ()
6. The single-most important item of import to the Chola empire was
- (a) dye-stuff ()
 - (b) horses ()
 - (c) precious stone ()

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7. The Second Battle of Tarain, 1192 was fought between

(a) Mahmud of Ghazni and Prithviraj ()

(b) Muhammad Ghor and Prithviraj ()

(c) Muhammad Ghor and Jai Pal ()

8. Who completed the Qutub Minar?

(a) Qutub-ud-din-Aibak ()

(b) Raziya ()

(c) Iltutmish ()

9. Under whose reign was the Bahmani capital shifted from Gulbarga to Bidar?

(a) Shihab-ud-din Ahmad I ()

(b) Bahman Shah ()

(c) Mahmud Gawan ()

10. The Nayankara System was an important characteristic of the

(a) Sufi order ()

(b) Vijayanagar Kingdom ()

(c) Bahmani Sultanate ()

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SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Give short answers to the following questions (any five) :

3×5=15

1. Who was Aryabhatta?

(5)

2. Who were the Chalukyas?

(6)

3. What do you understand by the term 'Samanta System'?

(Mark : 15)

Give short answers to the following questions (any four).

(25-45)

1. Who was Arakkha?

(7)

4. Who were the Varmans?

5. Who was Sankaracharya?

6. Mention some of the characteristics of Chola Art.

(10)

7. Write on the impact of the Arab invasion of Sind.

8. Why did Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq decide to change his capital from Delhi to Devagiri?

9. Mention the causes of the conflict between the Vijayanagar rulers and the Bahmani Sultans.

10. Write short note on the Matrimonial Policy followed by Firuz Shah Bahmani.
