

CREDIT BASED SECOND SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - APRIL 2012

HISTORY – PAPER II**HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA FROM AD 400 TO AD 1206***(2010 & 2011 Admission)*

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 120

SECTION – A

Answer the following questions in 3 – 4 pages:

1. Describe the contribution of the Gupta's to religion, literature, science and art. 20
OR
Briefly write the conquests and administration of Harshavardhana.
2. Describe the administrative system of the Cholas. 20
OR
Explain the causes, and results of Mahamud of Ghazni's invasions on India.

SECTION – B

3. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in two pages each. 4x10=40
 - a) Write a note on the social life of the Rajputs and causes for their failure.
 - b) Discuss the social role of traders in Early Medieval economy.
 - c) Write a note on the achievements of Pulakesi II.
 - d) Explain the contributions of the Pallavas and Rashtrakutas to art and architecture.
 - e) "Arab Invasion of Sind a triumph without results". Comment.
 - f) How did Mohammad Ghori's invasion of India lead to the establishment of Sultanate of Delhi?

SECTION – C

4. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each. 5x4=20
 - a) State the importance of Mehrauli Pillar Inscription.
 - b) Mention the importance of Hiuen Tsang's visit to India.
 - c) Name the work of Chand Bardai and mention its historical importance.
 - d) Who called Aihole as the "Cradle of Indian Temple Architecture"? Why?
 - e) Who was Alberuni? Mention his work and its importance?

SECTION – D

5. On the outline map provided:
 - a) Mark the boundary of Chalukyan empire under Pulikeshi II and write an explanatory note on it. 5+5=10
 - b) Locate the following places and write their historical importance. 5+5=10
 1. Badami 2. Banavasi 3. Mahakuta 4. Alampuri 5. Talakadu

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SECTION – A

Answer the following questions in 3 – 4 pages each:

1. Explain the achievements of Samudra Gupta as revealed in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription 20

OR

Describe the services of Harshavardhana to the spread of Buddhism, learning and literature.

2. Describe the political and cultural achievements of Mahendra Varman I and Narasimha Varman I. 20

OR

Describe the administrative system of the Cholas.

SECTION – B

3. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in two pages each. 4x10=40

- a) Trace the contributions of the Guptas to the field of Science and literature.
- b) Mention the causes that led to the downfall of Guptas.
- c) Explain the contributions of Rashtrakutas to religion, literature, art and architecture.
- d) Trace the political and social conditions of the Rajputs.
- e) Give the political, social, economic and cultural effects of the Arab Conquest of Sindh.
- f) Explain the causes and results of the Battles of Tarain and their impact on history.

SECTION – C

4. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each. 5x4=20

- a) Who were Kayasthas?
- b) Mention any four conditions necessary for the identification of an Urban Centre.
- c) Which place is called "The cradle of Indian Temple architecture"? Why?
- d) Give the immediate causes of the Arab Conquest of Sindh.
- e) Who issued the Uttaramerur inscription and mention its importance?

SECTION – D

5. On the outline map provided:

- a) Mark the extent of Chalukyan Empire under Pulakeshi II and write an explanatory note on it. 5+5=10
- b) Locate the following places and write their historical importance. 5+5=10
 1. Badami 2. Talakadu 3. Banavasi 4. Pattadakal 5. Kanchipuram

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HISTORY - II

History and Culture of India from A.D 400 to A.D. 1206

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SECTION – A

Answer the following questions in 3-4 pages each.

1. Trace the development of Sanskrit literature, Science, art and architecture under the Imperial Guptas. 20

OR

Explain with details the life and contributions of Harshavardhana.

2. Describe the administration of the Cholas. 20

OR

Enumerate the career and conquests of Muhammed of Ghor and give reasons for the success of the Turks.

SECTION – B

3. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 2 pages each. 4X10=40

- a) Discuss the role of land grants in bringing changes in the Socio-religious character of ancient India.
 b) State the Social condition and cultural contributions of the Rajput period.
 c) Explain the emergence and growth of urban centres leading to the growth of trade in the post Gupta period.
 d) Explain the role of Bhakti movement in the life of the people with reference to the teachings of Basaveshwara.
 e) Give an account of the contributions of the Rastrakutas and the Pallavas to art and architecture.
 f) What were the causes and results of the Arab conquest of Sindh in 712 A.D.?

SECTION – C

4. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each. 5x4=20

- a) Who were Toraman and Mihirakula? Why are they mentioned in Gupta history?
 b) Why are Khajuraho and Konark famous for?
 c) Why did Ramanujacharya leave Tamil Nadu? Under whom did he take shelter in Karnataka?
 d) Which place for in Karnataka is called as 'The cradle of Indian temple architecture'? Why?
 e) Justify the three main objectives of Mahmud Ghazni invading India.

SECTION - D

5. On the outline map provided

- a) Mark the boundary of Gupta Empire under Samudragupta and write an explanatory note on it. 5+5=10
- b) Locate the following places and write an explanatory note on each of them. 5+5=10
 1. Pataliputra 2. Allahabad 3. Ujjain 4. Mehrauli 5. Bhitargaon

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HISTORY - II

History and Culture of India from A.D 400 to A.D. 1206

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SECTION – A

Answer the following questions in 3-4 pages each.

1. What were the contributions of the Guptas in the field of religion, literature, art and science? 20

OR

Describe the career and achievements of Rajaraja I and Rajendra chola.

SECTION – B

2. **Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 2 pages each.** 4X10=40
- What is Mahayanism? How did Harsha popularize it?
 - Write a note on the social and economic condition of the Rajputs.
 - Explain the life and teachings of Shankaracharya.
 - Describe the contributions of the Chalukyas of Badami to art and architecture.
 - What were the causes and results of the Arab invasion on Sindh?
 - How did the conquests of Mohammed of Ghor lead to the establishment of Muslim rule in India?

SECTION – C

4. **Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each.** 10x4=40
- Who composed Alahabad pillar inscription? Write its significance?
 - Who was Bana Batta? Name his well known work. What is its importance?
 - Name the work of Chand Bardai and mention its historical importance?
 - Give any four reasons for the down fall of Gupta Dynasty.
 - Give a brief note on the teachings of Basaveshwara.
 - What is the content of the Aihole inscription? Who composed it?
 - Mention the contributions of Rashtrakutas to the growth of Art and Literature.
 - Mention the four styles of Pallava Art and Architecture.
 - Who was called "Idol Breaker"? Why?
 - Who was Alberuni? Mention his work.

SECTION - D

5. **On the outline Map provided**

- Mark the extent of Gupta Territories under Samudragupta and write an explanatory note on it. 5+5=10
- Locate the following places and write their Historical importance.. 5+5=10
 1. Allahabad 2. Ujjain 3. Udayagiri 4. Mehrauli 5. Saranath

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SECTION – A

Answer the following question in 3-4 pages.

1. Explain the contributions of Harsha Vardhana to the spread of Buddhism, learning and literature. 20

OR

Describe the causes and results of Muhammad Ghazni's invasion on India.

SECTION – B

2. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in two pages each. 4X10=40

- What is the contribution of the Gupta rulers to the development of science and literature?
- Examine the theories on the origin of the Rajputs.
- Write the features of Indian Agrarian Economy in the post-Gupta period.
- Explain the contributions of the Chalukya's to art and architecture.
- Write a note on the local self Government under the Cholas.
- What were the results and significance of the Arab Invasion on Sindh?

SECTION – C

3. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each. 10x4=40

- Mention any four reasons as to why the Gupta age is called the Golden Age.
- What are the observations of Hieun-Tsang about the social condition of India?
- Who wrote 'Pritviraj Raso'? Mention its importance.
- Who founded the Anubhava Mantapa? Why?
- What are the contents of Aihole Pillar inscription? Who composed it?
- Name the temple built by Krishna I. Why is it unique?
- Mention the four styles of Pallava art and architecture.
- What is the importance of 'Uttarameruru inscription'?
- Who was Alberuni? Mention his work.
- Why is Mohammed of Ghor considered as the real founder of Muslim Empire in India?

SECTION - D

4. On the outline map provided

- Mark the extent of Chola Empire and write an explanatory note on it. 5+5=10
- Locate the following places and write their historical importance. 5+5=10
1. Tanjore 2. Kanchipuram 3. Srirangam 4. Uttarameruru 5. Madurai
