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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

History – Core

HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND EARLY MEDIEVAL
INDIA PRE HISTORY TO 1206 COMMON ERA (CE)

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Who is hailed as Father of Archaeology in India?
 - (a) Alexandar Cunningham
 - (b) John Marshall
 - (c) Wartimer wheeler
 - (d) Robert Bruce Foote

7. The Mauryan empire was founded by _____
 - (a) Chandra Gupta Maurya
 - (b) Ashoka
 - (c) Bindusara
 - (d) Samudra Gupta
8. Where the national emblem of Ashoka pillar located?
 - (a) Sanchi
 - (b) Sarnath
 - (c) Meerut
 - (d) Ramapura
9. In India Gandhara school of Art was founded by _____
 - (a) Parthians
 - (b) Sakas
 - (c) Kushanas
 - (d) Mauryas
10. The most famous work 'Panchatantra' was written by _____
 - (a) Vishnu Sharma
 - (b) Kalidasa
 - (c) Chandra Gupta I
 - (d) Vishakhadatta

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2. The book 'India' was written by _____
 - (a) Herodotus
 - (b) Megasthenes
 - (c) Hiuen Tsang
 - (d) Ptolemy
3. Who was the Founder of keeladi?
 - (a) Arsh Ali
 - (b) Sharma
 - (c) Amarnath Ramakrishna
 - (d) Vidyavathi
4. Which was the main occupation of the people of Vedic period.
 - (a) Business
 - (b) Pottery making
 - (c) Weaving
 - (d) Agriculture
5. Who was the founder of Magdha?
 - (a) Bimbisara
 - (b) Asoka
 - (c) Chandragupta
 - (d) Ajatashatru
6. Who founded Buddhism?
 - (a) Mahavira
 - (b) Siddharatha Gautama
 - (c) Ashoka
 - (d) Bimbisara

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11. The Founder of Vikramashila dynasliy was _____
 - (a) Harsha
 - (b) Samudra Gupta
 - (c) Kumara Gupta
 - (d) Dharmapala
12. The Kannauj Assembly was held in _____
 - (a) 643 AD
 - (b) 543 AD
 - (c) 622 ADD
 - (d) 595 AD
13. Tamil Nadu was ruled during the 13th century by _____
 - (a) Pandya rulers
 - (b) Chera rulers
 - (c) Chola rulers
 - (d) Andhra rulers
14. The Capital city of Rastrakutas was _____
 - (a) Pataliputra
 - (b) Varanasi
 - (c) Manyakheta
 - (d) Agra
15. The Arabs invaded sind in _____
 - (a) 712 AD
 - (b) 716 AD
 - (c) 726 AD
 - (d) 710 AD

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PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Bring out the features of Harappan civilization.
Or
(b) Write briefly on the significance of Archaeological sites in TamilNadu.
17. (a) Examine the rise of Mahajanapadas.
Or
(b) Give a brief account on Alexandars invasion and its impact.
18. (a) Explain Ashoka's Dharmma and its characteristics.
Or
(b) Discuss the main principles of Kautilyas Arthasastra.
19. (a) Bring out the significance of Nalanda University.
Or
(b) Give an account on Huns invasion of India and its effects.
20. (a) Briefly mention about the struggle and political history of Chalukyas of Kalyani.
Or
(b) Write a note on Rastrakutas.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

21. (a) Explain the sources available to know the history of India.
Or
(b) Write an essay on the origin of urbanisation in India.
22. (a) Compare the position of women during the early vedic period and later vedic period.
Or
(b) Examine the Doctrines of Buddhism.
23. (a) Describe the causes for the downfall and disintegration of Mauryan empire.
Or
(b) Explain the contribution of Kushans to art and architecture.
24. (a) Why Gupta Age is considered as "Golden Age of India". Discuss.
Or
(b) Explain the Huns invasion on India and its impact.
25. (a) Examine the Empires in Tamil kingdom upto 12th century AD.
Or
(b) Narrate the invasion of Muhammad of Ghazni in India.