

2026

(2nd Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA - 202

(Medieval India: Socio-Religious, Polity and Economy)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer any five (5) questions

1. a) Account for the development of feudalism in Western European context. 12

Or

- b) Examine the economic and political condition of the Gupta and post Gupta period in reference to land grants and decentralization. 12

2. a) Explain in brief:
(i) Fragmented Polity
(ii) Tripartite division of Indian history
(iii) The Golden Age critique
(iv) Threshold Times. 3x4

Or

- b) What do you understand about
(i) Ganga Jamuni Teezab,
(ii) Ritual suzerainty
(iii) the horizontal spread of state society?

(Turn Over)

3. a) Explain Sikhism in reference to the Khalsa organization.
Discuss the Perception of Women in Bhakti.

Or

- b) Discuss on the nature of Bhakti in the South and North India.

4. a) Write short notes on:

- (i) Islamic Theory of Kingship
- (ii) Token Currency
- (iii) Any project or reforms of Sultan Firoz Tughlaq or Alauddin Khilji
- (iv) Composition of nobility under the Sultans.

Or

- b) Write short notes on:

- (i) To what extent did the trans-regional trade, industries and the monetised land revenue act as the primary catalysts for the "Urban Revolution" during the Sultanate period?
- (ii) How did the persistent threat of Mongol invasions shape the North-West Frontier Policy of the Delhi Sultans?

5. a) Write a note on:

- (i) Highlight on the core drivers of Akbar's enlightened governance
- (ii) Account for the Urbanization under the Mughals.

Or

- b) Write short note on:

- (i) Mughal-Rajput relation
- (ii) Nature of Mughal State
- (iii) Society under the Mughals.

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