

2025

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA – 102

(Ancient India: Socio-Religious, Political and Economic History)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The questions are of equal value
The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

Answer any five questions

1. a) Highlight the importance of archaeology in the reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 12

Or

- b) Examine the problems and limitations of the sources of ancient India. 12

- 2.a) Discuss the religious development that took place during the Later Vedic period. 12

Or

- b) Polity during the Rig Vedic period was tribal in nature. Comment. 12

(Turn Over)



3. a) Examine the relevance of the teachings of Buddhism and Jainism in the 6th Century BCE. 12

Or

- b) Elucidate on the urbanisation process in the post-Vedic period. 12

4. a) Critically examine whether the Mauryan empire was centralised or not. 12

Or

- b) Give a description of South India during the ancient times as reflected in the Sangam literature 12

5. a) Assess the economic condition during the Gupta period. 12

Or

- b) Trace the emergence of Puranic religion in ancient India. 12

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