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Programme: MA(History)

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Course/Subject Name: History of North India Upto 800

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Assignment No. 1

Last Date of Submission: 31st March 2016

NOTE : All Sections in the Assignments are compulsory to be attempted as per Instructions.

Section -A

Choose the correct option

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- The theory of the origin of the state not mentioned in the Vedic literature is—
 - The contract theory
 - The force theory
 - The evolutionary theory
 - The divine theory
- Jain works were compiled in—
 - Ujjain
 - Vaishali
 - Ballabhi
 - Vatapi
- Which was the first book to deal with Music?
 - Rigveda
 - Yajurveda
 - Samaveda
 - Atharvaveda
- The largest number of seals of the Harrappan culture are made of—
 - Terracotta
 - Faience
 - Agate
 - Steatite
- Brahmani bull for Indus valley people was—
 - Unknown animal
 - Well known animal
 - Sacred animal
 - Sacrificial animal
- The Aryans dedicated whole of a separate Mandala in Rig-Veda for the hymns dedicated to
 - Agni
 - Varuna
 - Indra
 - Soma
- Metal Age began in 5000 BC, during man used-
 - Copper
 - Bronze

- (C) Iron
(D) Brass
8. Who was the founder of Mauryan Dynasty:
(A) Chandragupta
(B) Kumargupta
(C) Skandgupta
(D) Ashoka
9. Which of the following is not known as Triratana of Jainism-
(A) Right faith
(B) Right knowledge
(C) Right Food
(D) Right Conduct
10. The reign of Ajatasatru was remarkable for his :
(A) Military conquests
(B) Economical growth
(C) Justice
(D) Literary growth

Section -B

Answer any Five questions from the following within 50 words

[1x5=5]

1. Describe in short the town planning in Indus Valley civilization.
 2. Bring out the features of Vedic religion.
 3. Write a note on life of Buddha.
 4. What were the causes of Alexander's Invasion?
 5. Write a note on effect of Persian invasion.
 6. What do you know about the importance of Kautilya in North Indian history?
 7. Describe the conquest of Kalinga by Ashoka.
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Assignment No. 2

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Section -A

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- What is meant by Mantriparisad:
(a) Association of administrator (b) association of army officer
(c) association of religious purohits (d) association of all the above
- The last ruler of the Mauryan Dynasty, who was assassinated by Pushyamitra Sunga, his commander-in-chief was ___ ?
(a) Bindusara (b) Chandragupta
(c) Brihadrata (d) Ashokavardhan
- Who did found Nalanda University:
(a) Chandra Gupta (b) Kumar Gupta
(c) Harshvardhana (d) None of these.
- Allahabad Conference was routinely convened by Harsha once:
(a) In a year (b) In two years
(c) In five years (d) In four years
- Garuda was adopted as dynastic emblem after the imperial Guptas by ___ ?
(a) Rashtrakutas (b) Western Chalukyas
(c) Shilaharas (d) Chedis
- The beneficiaries of Asoka's donations in the region of Barabar Hill were ___ ?
(a) Buddhists (b) Ajivikas
(c) Svetambar Jains (d) Digambar Jains
- Bindusara was called by Greek :
(a) Sacha Manav (b) Devputra
(c) Amitragatha (d) None of these.
- Which among the following is the correct set of the plays written by Harshvardhan in Sanskrit?
(a) Malavikagnimitram, Vikramorvashiiyam and Abhijñanasakuntalam
(b) Svapna Vasavadattam, Pancharatra and Pratijna Yaugandharayaanam
(c) Nagananda, Priyadarshika and Ratnavali.
(d) None of these.
- Pushyamitra was the founder of :
(a) Chola Dynesty (b) Sunga Dynesty
(c) Gupta Dynesty (d) Kushan Dynesty

10. What was KANVAS? :

- (a) A foreign tourist
- (c) Name of a Dynasty

- (b) Name of an invader
- (d) A place of worship

Section -B

Answer any Five questions from the following within 50 words

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1. Briefly bring out the features of commerce and industries of Mauryan Empire.
 2. Discuss the features of Indo Greek Kingdom.
 3. Write a note on significance of Scythian Invasion.
 4. Bring out the sources of Gupta Dynasty.
 5. Write a note on Gandhar Art.
 6. Write a note on Varahmihir.
 7. Describe the condition of Rajput Kingdom during seventh & eight centuries.
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- Who among the following was the ruler of Kanchi during the time of Samudragupta ?
[A] Hastivarman [B] Mantaraja
[C] Nilaraja [D] Vishnugopa
 - Who among the following is known to have performed four Asvamedha sacrifices?
[A] Pushyamitra Sunga [B] Pravarasena I
[C] Samudragupta [D] Nandivarman Pallavamalla
 - In which of the following inscriptions Ashoka made his famous declaration, "All men are my children"?
[A] Minor Rock Edict (Ahraura) [B] Pillar Edict VII
[C] Lumbini Pillar Edict [D] Separate Kalinga Rock Edict I
 - Rulers of which of the following dynasties maintained diplomatic relations with distant countries such as Syria in the West?
[A] Maurya [B] Gupta
[C] Pallava [D] Chola
 - The Mahasamghika School arose at which among the following places?
[A] Bodha Gaya [B] Rajagriha
[C] Sravasti [D] Vaisali
 - Who among the following laid down for punishment for a person becoming mendicant without making adequate provision for dependent wife and children?
[A] Manu [B] Yajnavalkya
[C] Kautilya [D] Narada
 - With which among the following places, the twenty third Jain Tirthankara was associated?
[A] Vaishali [B] Kausambi
[C] Varanasi [D] Sravasti
 - Which of the following Upanishads is written in prose?
[A] Isa [B] Katha
[C] Brihadaranyaka [D] Svetasvatara
 - King Ashvapati of the Upanishadic Age was the ruler of which among the following Kingdoms?
[A] Kekaya [B] Matsya
[C] Panchala [D] Sursena
 - Which of the following was not a diety of the Harappans?
[A] Shiva [B] Mother Goddess
[C] Peepal Tree [D] Vishnu
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