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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – HISTORY

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2023

PHT1MC01 – SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA

Date: 31-10-2023

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 True or False

- a) The Superintendent of Agriculture during the Mauryan period is known as Navadhyaksha.
- b) The book *Politics as a Vocation* was written by Max Muller.
- c) The symbol for the birth of Buddha is associated with pipal tree.
- d) The head of a guild during ancient India was called as Jethaka.
- e) Residential places in Buddhist architecture were known as Chaityas.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Answer the following

- a) How many Upanishads are there?
- b) Kautilya's judicial system was called as _____.
- c) Evidence of first instance of Sati was found at _____ inscription.
- d) Who were the earliest to issue gold coins in India?
- e) Name the oldest surviving temple in India.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Examine the bureaucracy of the Mauryan empire.
- 4 Interpret the various sources of income and expenditure of the Ancient Indian state.
- 5 Determine the differences between Varna and Caste.
- 6 Establish how barter system facilitated the growth of trade during Ancient India.
- 7 Explain the various features of the Nagara style of architecture.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- 8 Evaluate the archaeological sources that helps us to construct the Ancient Indian history.
- 9 Analyze the various theories of the Origin of State in Ancient India.
- 10 Classify the Samskaras that were performed at various stages of our life.
- 11 Estimate the various features of the Mathura school of sculpture.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words

(1 x 15 = 15)

12 Summarize the Vedic literatures that were written during Ancient India.

13 Estimate the Buddhist educational institutions and infer the reasons for their decline.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words

(1 x 20 = 20)

14 Write about Kautilya's Saptanga theory of State.

15 Compose the various features of Buddhist architecture in India.

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