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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – HISTORY

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2024



PHT1MC01 – SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA

Date: 08-11-2024

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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 **Answer the following**

- Si- Yu- Ki was a book written by \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Ancient Indian polity, the king was often considered a divine figure, embodying \_\_\_\_\_ that legitimized his rule.
- The first Tirthankara in Jainism is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The introduction of \_\_\_\_\_ in ancient India replaced the barter system, facilitating trade and economic transactions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the room where the idol of the main deity is kept.

**SECTION A – K2 (CO1)**

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

2 **True or False**

- The group of Vedic literatures that is “remembered” is known as Smriti literature.
- The judicial system in ancient India was highly centralized and controlled by the king alone.
- Simantonayana samskara is performed for a healthy development of the baby’s brain and safe delivery to the mother.
- Urbanization in ancient India led to a decline in agrarian structures.
- A Buddhist prayer hall with stupas at one end is known as Chaityas.

**SECTION B – K3 (CO2)**

**Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.**

**(3 x 10 = 30)**

- Articulate the accounts of the foreign travelers in ancient India.
- Establish the importance of the Republics in Mahajanapadas period.
- Explain the various theories on the origin of caste system.
- Examine the importance of merchant guilds for the development of urban society.
- Write about the important Buddhist and Jaina caves that were constructed during Ancient India.

**SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**

**Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.**

**(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

- Critically analyze the various reasons for the Kalabhra’s period not to be called as the Dark age.
- Examine the theocratic ideas of monarchy in Ancient India and their influence over the political and administrative structures of the time.
- Analyze the contribution of important Buddhist centers of education during ancient India.
- Distinguish between the Gandhara and the Mathura Schools of art.

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<b>SECTION D – K5 (CO4)</b>	
	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)</b>
1 2	Assess the administrative structure of the Mauryan empire.
1 3	Evaluate the judicial system in Ancient India and the role of Dharma in jurisprudence.
<b>SECTION E – K6 (CO5)</b>	
	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)</b>
1 4	Write in detail the concept of Saptanga as described in the Arthashastra. How does it contribute in the organic unity of the State.
1 5	Construct an essay on the various distinctive features of the Nagara and the Dravida style of architecture.

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