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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

Fourth Semester

Core Course—EARLY SOCIETIES IN INDIA

(Common for B.A. History Model I and II and B.A. Archaeology and Museology)

[2013—2016 Admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A (Short Answers)

Answer **all** *questions.*
Each question carries 1 *mark.*

1. Primitive Communism.
2. Mesolithic culture.
3. Pottery Wheels.
4. Sedentary Agricultural Society.
5. Second Urbanization.
6. Astanga Marga.
7. Arthasastra.
8. Satavahanas.
9. Aryabhata and the solar system.
10. Manigramam and Nanadesi.

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B (Short Notes)

Answer any **eight** *questions.*
Each question carries 2 *marks.*

11. Analyse the early notions of history in the context of Itihasas.
12. Examine the concept of gender with particular reference to Mother Goddess.
13. How did the Neolithic Revolution take place ?
14. Mention the nature of sources to the study of the Harappan Society.

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15. Point out the original home of the Aryans.
16. Explain the material and cultural base of Jainism.
17. Trace the formation of the Mauryan Empire.
18. Sketch the contributions of Kushanas for the propagation of Mahayanism.
19. What are the contents of the Hathigumpha Inscription issued by Kharavela ?
20. Write the nature of coinage under the Guptas.
21. How did the proliferation of jatis take place ?
22. Who was the Indian Napoleon among the Gupta rulers ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C (Short Essays)

Answer any **six** *questions.*
Each question carries 4 *marks.*

23. Assess the nature of sources and tools for the reconstruction of ancient India.
24. Bring out the difference between Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures.
25. Review the circumstances that led to the decline of the Harappan Civilization.
26. Estimate the material base of the Mahajanapadas.
27. Discuss the socio-religious background of the heterodox religions.
28. What were the salient features of Mauryan administration ?
29. Describe the nature of post-Mauryan Polity and Society.
30. How did the Agrarian expansion take place during the early medieval period ?
31. What were the results of agrarian expansion in the South ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D (Long Essays)

Answer any **two** *questions.*
Each question carries 15 *marks.*

32. What were the technological innovations of Pottery culture in early India ?
33. Narrate the literary sources to the study of the Sangam Age.
34. Describe the importance of Asoka's Dharma.
35. Estimate the greatness of the Gupta Empire.

(2 × 15 = 30)