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HISTORY

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 200

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

GROUP-A

Answer *any eight* questions

Word limit **250** for each answer.

1. Analyze the features of urban civilization in the Harappan Culture. What were the factors responsible for its decline? 10+10
2. What were *Srenis* under Mauryan administration? Assess their role in the development of Mauryan economy. 5+15
3. Review Samudragupta's Military expeditions. To what extent did he succeed in the extension of Gupta political sway in India? 10+10

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4. Bring out the salient features of Harshavardhana's administration. What was his contribution to the changing agrarian economy? 10+10
5. Examine the market regulations of Alauddin Khalji. To what extent did it strengthen the economy under the Khalji rule? 10+10
6. Discuss Akbar's religious policy. Was it borne out of political consideration or was it inspired by higher motives? 10+10
7. In what ways were Aurangzeb's Rajput policy different from that of his predecessors? What were the consequences? 10+10
8. Compare the teachings of Kabir and Nanak. What impact did they have on Indian Society and Culture? 10+10
9. Critically examine the factors behind the introduction of the Subsidiary Alliance System. To what extent did it contribute to British paramountcy in India? 10+10
10. Examine the main features of the Doctrine of Lapse. In what way was its application by Dalhousie responsible for the Revolt of 1857? 10+10

11. Make an economic critique of colonialism. Explain Dadabhai Naoroji's Drain Theory in this context. 10+10

12. Discuss the circumstances leading to the Quit India Movement. Examine its significance. 10+10

GROUP-B

Answer **any five** questions

Word limit **150** for each answer.

13. Write briefly on 'Megasthenes' account. What light did it throw on the administration of Chandragupta Maurya? 4+4

14. Discuss the Cultural and trade contact of India with the outside world during the Gupta period. 8

15. Describe the Chola village assemblies. To what extent were they democratic in nature? 4+4

16. Why did the Arabs invade Sind? What was its outcome? 4+4

17. What were *Chauth* and *Sardeshmukhi*? Examine their significance. 4+4

18. Highlight the salient features of Ranjit Singh's administration. Why did the Sikh power collapse after his death? 4+4
19. Briefly state the underlying motives behind the introduction of the permanent *Zamindari* system. What was its impact on the peasantry? 4+4
20. Why did Gandhi take up salt-tax as an issue during the Civil Disobedience Movement? Was he able to attain his objective? 3+5