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HISTORY

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 200

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

Answer any five questions

1. Describe the political, social and religious conditions of the Rig-Vedic Aryans. What changes do you notice in the later Vedic period?
2. Trace out the causes that led to the decay and downfall of the Mauryan Empire and assess the responsibility of Asoka for it.
3. Make an assessment of Samudra Gupta's military campaign and his relation with the neighbouring States.
4. Examine Harshavardhana's relations with Bhaskara Varman of Kamarupa and Sasanka of Gaur.
5. "The cumulative effect of all the fantastic projects of Muhammad bin Tughluq proved disastrous for him." Elucidate and comment.
6. Evaluate Akbar's Policy towards the Rajputs. How did it differ from that followed towards the Afghans?
7. Write a note on Mughal art and architecture.

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8. Discuss the salient features of the administration of Sher Shah Sur.
9. Estimate the character and achievements of Shivaji.
10. Analyse the importance of the Battle of Plassey. Why is the Battle of Buxur regarded as more significant than it?
11. Evaluate the Permanent Settlement of Lord Cornwallis.
12. What was the Doctrine of Lapse ? To what extent was Dalhousie responsible for the outbreak of the Revolt of 1857?
13. Write short notes on any two of the following :
 - a) Pushyamitra Sunga
 - b) Central Administrative System of the Mughals
 - c) Arab Invasion of Sind
 - d) Bhakti Movement
 - e) Subsidiary Alliance
 - f) Azad Hind Fouj
