

2014

HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 1.2

[History of India (up to AD 300)]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

1. Answer the following questions in *one* word
or in *one* sentence each : 1×10=10
- (a) Which was the first animal to be tamed
by the Neolithic people?
 - (b) Who is called the father of Indian
archaeology?
 - (c) Which prehistoric culture witnessed the
use of microliths?
 - (d) Which was the port city of the Indus
Valley culture?
 - (e) Which metal was most widely used by
the Indus Valley people?

- (f) Name the two assemblies of the Vedic period.
- (g) To which clan did Gautama Buddha belong?
- (h) Who propagated Jainism in South India?
- (i) Where was the Third Buddhist Council held?
- (j) Who was the last ruler of the Nanda dynasty?

2. Answer the following questions in brief : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What are *Jati* and *Sreni*?
- (b) What were the four *Ashramas*?
- (c) Name the two main schools into which Buddhism was divided.
- (d) What are the two divisions of Jainism?
- (e) Name any four Mahajanapadas of the sixth century BC.

3. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Neolithic Culture
- (b) Harappan Seals
- (c) Buddha's Teachings

- (d) Bactrian Greeks
- (e) Mauryan Art
- (f) Ashoka's *Dhamma*

4. Answer any *four* of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Discuss the literary sources for reconstructing the history of early India.
- (b) Examine the contribution of Harappan trade to its urban culture.
- (c) Examine the main features of Rig-Vedic religion. What changes are noticed in the later-Vedic period?
- (d) Account for the rise of the Mahajanapadas in early India.
- (e) Discuss the Mauryan administrative system.
- (f) Discuss the political and cultural developments during the reign of the Kushanas.
- (g) Give an account of the Indo-Roman trade in the post-Mauryan period.
- (h) How is the society and political structure of South India reflected in Sangam literature?
