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HISTORY

( Major )

Paper : 2.1

[ **History of India (300 AD-1200 AD)** ]

*Full Marks : 80*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

1. Answer the following questions in 1 word or 1 sentence each : 1×10=10
- (a) What is a 'bhaga'?
  - (b) Who are the Vanapalas?
  - (c) Who wrote the *Harsha Charita*?
  - (d) Name the Chinese pilgrim who visited India during Harsha's Reign.
  - (e) Who was the founder of the Pala Empire of Bengal?
  - (f) Which chronicle was an important source of the Pala Dynasty?
  - (g) Who was the greatest ruler of the Pratihara Dynasty?

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- (h) Name the capital of the Rashtrakutas under Dantidurga.
- (i) What are 'Rashtras'?
- (j) Name the capital of the Cholas.

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

- (a) Name two dramas written by Kalidasa.
- (b) Name two important inscriptions of the period of Harshavardhana.
- (c) Who were the Uparikas and the Visayapatis?
- (d) What were the different forms of taxes during the Chola Period?
- (e) Name the two battles that are supposed to have laid the foundation of the Turkish Rule in North India.

3. Write short notes on (any four) :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Impact of Arab invasion
- (b) Harsha as a patron of art and learning
- (c) Chola local self-government
- (d) Dharmapala
- (e) Gurjaras-Pratiharas
- (f) The First Battle of Tarain, 1191 AD

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

- (a) Discuss the development of art and culture in the Gupta Period.
- (b) Give an account of the political ideas and organization of the three empires of Northern India in the post-Harshavardhana Period.
- (c) Write briefly on Hiuen-Tsang's account of India.
- (d) Review the cultural life of the Cholas.
- (e) Account for the Ghaznavid invasion of India.
- (f) Who were the Hunas? Give a brief account of Toramana and Mihirakula's exploits in India.

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