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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) Who composed the Allahabad Pillar Prashasti?
 - (b) Who were the 'samantas'?
 - (c) Who were the 'dutakas'?
 - (d) Who was the real founder of the Pratihara Empire?
 - (e) Who was the greatest Chola Ruler?
 - (f) What is 'vishti'?

- (g) Who wrote the *Harsha Charita*?
- (h) Name the great Sanskrit poet and dramatist of the Pratihara court.
- (i) Who was 'Ghazi'?
- (j) What is a *Gopuram*?

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

- (a) What are *deshas* and *vishayas* of the Gupta administration?
- (b) Name the three dramas written by Harshavardhana.
- (c) What are *nadus* and *valanadus* of the Chola administration?
- (d) Between whom and when was the Second Battle of Tarain fought?
- (e) Who was Alberuni? Name the book written by him.

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

- (a) Meherauli Pillar Inscription
- (b) Aryabhatta
- (c) Raja Bhoja
- (d) Dravida style of architecture
- (e) Mihirakula

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

- (a) Do you agree that the Gupta period was the Golden Age of Indian history? Give reasons.
- (b) Bring out the salient features of Harsha's administrative system.
- (c) What were the cultural and religious contributions of the Rashtrakutas?
- (d) Identify the factors that led to the decline of the Guptas.
- (e) Write an essay on the Brahmadeya Settlements.
- (f) Account for the success of the Turko-Afghans in India.
