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**HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

Course No. : H - 201

**( Society and Religion in Ancient India c1500 BC – AD 800 )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The questions are of equal value  
The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

*Answer any **five** questions*

1. Examine the Vedas as historical source for the study of ancient India. **14**

*Or*

Highlight the importance of archaeology in reconstructing ancient India history. **14**

2. Critically examine the social changes that took place in the later Vedic period. **14**

*Or*

Evaluate the nature of the Rigvedic prayers and rituals. **14**

*( Turn Over )*

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3. The 6<sup>th</sup> century BC was a period of religious unrest. Comment. 14

*Or*

Do you think Asoka's Dharma was socially relevant? Justify. 14

4. What is Puranic religion? Discuss the process in bringing about the synthesis of local regional and tribal cults. 14

*Or*

Write short notes on: 7+7

- i) Vaishnavism
- ii) Concept of Image worship

5. Analyse the impact of acculturation and sanskritization in North East India. 14

*Or*

Illustrate on Naga Myth and interprets its social significance. 14

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