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(3rd Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H-201

**[Society and Religion in Ancient India
(C 1500 BC-AD 800)]**

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Ancient Indian literary sources are mostly religious in nature. Elaborate. 14

Or

Examine the archaeological sources in the reconstruction of ancient Indian history.

2. Discuss the social transition from the Rig Vedic period to Later Vedic period. 14

Or

Sacrifice and rituals took the centre stage of the Later Vedic religious comment.

3. What was the essence of Ashoka's Dhamma?
Was it socially relevant? 7+7=14

Or

Examine the factors that led to the rise of heterodox sects in the 6th century BC in India. 14

4. Critically examine the development and evolution of Neo-Hinduism. 14

Or

Write short notes on the following : 7×2=14

(a) Vaishnavism

(b) Concept of image worship

5. Evaluate the rise and spread of Puranic religion in Northeast India. 14

Or

Examine the role of myth in understanding pre-literate societies. Elaborate with one myth. 7+7=14

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