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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. a) Examine the problems in analyzing and interpreting the literary sources of ancient India. **14**

Or

- b) Evaluate the importance of inscriptions in the reconstruction of ancient Indian history with some examples. **14**

2. a) Rig Vedic society was tribal in nature. Elucidate. **14**

Or

- b) Explain the ancient Indian concept of time. **14**

(Turn Over)

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3. a) Critically analyse the new concepts mentioned in the Upanishads. **14**
- Or*
- b) Can the teachings of Buddha and Mahavira be considered socially relevant for its time? **14**
4. a) What do you understand by puranic religion? Did it bring about a synthesis of the various regional cults? **14**
- Or*
- b) Write short notes on: **7+7**
i) Shakti cult
ii) Saivism
5. a) Discuss the process of acculturation and sanskritization in Northeast India. **14**
- Or*
- b) Give an account on the rise and spread of tantricism in Northeast India. **14**

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