

2021

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. Discuss the types of data available for the study of ancient Indian history. Examine the problems in interpreting them. 7+7

Or

Highlight the importance of inscriptions as a source of ancient Indian history. Cite some examples. 7+7

2. Critically examine the Ashrama system. 14

Or

Examine the ancient Indian concept of time. 14

(Turn Over)

3. The Upanishads were a reaction against the Brahmanic rituals and sacrifices. Comment. 14
- Or*
- Do you think Buddha and Mahavira's teachings were socially relevant? 14
4. Trace the evolution of Shakti cult in ancient India. 14
- Or*
- Write short notes on: 7+7
- i) Saivism
- ii) Concept of Pilgrimage
5. Discuss the growth and spread of mother goddess in Northeast India. 14
- Or*
- Evaluate the sanskritization process in North-East India 14

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