



2025

(4th Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H - 202

(Polity and Economy of Ancient India C 1500 B.C. – 600 A.D.)

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

*Answer any **five (5)** questions*

1. a) Evaluate the Nationalist historiography. **14**

Or

b) Critically examine the ancient Indian view on the origin of State. **14**

2. a) Examine the nature of the political institutions during the Vedic period. **14**

Or

b) Discuss the economic changes brought about by the geographical shift during the Later Vedic period. **14**

(Turn Over)

3. a) Critically analyse the formation of state in ancient India. 14

Or

b) Write short notes on 7+7
i) Urban Economy
ii) Monarchy

4. a) Express your opinion on whether the Mauryan Empire was centralised or not. 14

Or

b) Elucidate on the agrarian organization during the Mauryan period. 14

5. a) Assess the polity of the Gupta Empire. 14

Or

b) Discuss the circumstances for the rise of landed intermediaries leading to feudal beginnings by the Gupta times. 14

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