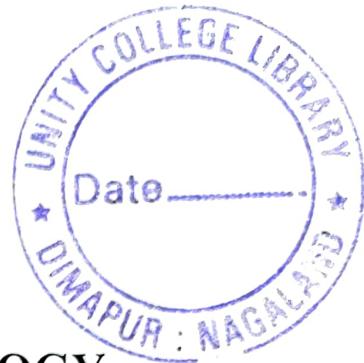


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## HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA – 102

( Ancient India: Socio-Religious, Political and Economic History )

*Full Marks : 60*

*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) Highlight the importance of archaeology in the reconstruction of ancient Indian history. 12

*Or*

b) Examine the problems and limitations of the sources of ancient India. 12

2.a) Discuss the religious development that took place during the Later Vedic period. 12

*Or*

b) Polity during the Rig Vedic period was tribal in nature. Comment. 12

3. a) Examine the relevance of the teachings of Buddhism and Jainism in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE. 12

*Or*

b) Elucidate on the urbanisation process in the post-Vedic period. 12

4. a) Critically examine whether the Mauryan empire was centralised or not. 12

*Or*

b) Give a description of South India during the ancient times as reflected in the Sangam literature 12

5. a) Assess the economic condition during the Gupta period. 12

*Or*

b) Trace the emergence of Puranic religion in ancient India. 12

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