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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER 2024

Second Semester

B.A. History

**B21HS02DC – History of India-I (From Pre-History to the 7th Century)
(2023 July admissions)**

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Name the period between Palaeolithic and Neolithic Age
2. The bronze dancing girl discovered in the Indus valley site of _____
3. Name the one and only Indus site claimed to be a dockyard
4. Who was the chief god of Rig Vedic people?
5. Who is considered as the first *thirthankara* of Jainism?
6. Who was the Indian ruler of Taxila welcomed Alexander the Great of Macedonia to invade beyond his empire in the eastern side?
7. Who was the composer of Allahabad pillar inscription?
8. Name of the Chalukyan king defeated Harsha Vadhana and shattered his dream to occupy the southern parts of India.
9. Who was the last ruler of Nanda dynasty?
10. The place is known as 'Bread basket of Balochistan'?
11. Along with the stone sculpture of 'Priest King', another stone image of a _____ was also discovered from the Harappan site of Dholavira.
12. Kolar gold field is located in the modern state of _____
13. Who was the most renowned ruler of Kushana dynasty?
14. Who is the author of the Sanskrit work 'Buddha Charitha'?
15. Name the author of erotic work 'Kamasutra'.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Prepare a brief note on 'Citadel'
17. Importance of Great Bath in Indus site.

18. What is the specialty of Chalcolithic age?
19. Write a note on Rig Veda.
20. Distinguish between monogamy and polygamy.
21. Distinguish between 'greater vehicle' and the 'lesser or inferior vehicle' in Buddhism.
22. What do you meant by Mahajanapadas? Explain.
23. Prepare a brief note on Seleukas Nikator.
24. What is Saka Era and its relevance in the history of India?
25. Explain briefly about Gandhara School of Art.
26. Prepare a brief note on Harappan writing system
27. Compare and contrast Alwars and Nayanars.
28. Distinguish between pre-history and proto-history.
29. What are the three phases of Palaeolithic age? Explain
30. Prepare a note on Dharma Mahamatras

(2X10=20)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

31. Discuss on Eightfold path (ashtangika marga) of Buddhism.
32. What are the debates about the original homeland of the Aryans?
33. What were the factors for the origin and growth of Jainism and Buddhism in India?
34. Trace out the attitude of Sungas towards Buddhism.
35. What factors discouraged Alexander the Great from advancing further into Indian territories after the battle of Hydaspes?
36. Why do historians call Kanishka the 'Second Ashoka'? Discuss his contributions to Buddhist society.
37. Prepare a brief note on 'Nalanda University'.
38. Discuss the different megalithic burials or culture found in India.
39. Discuss the four Ashramas assigned by the Hindu community in the Vedic times.
40. What are the historical source materials for writing the history of Mauryan period? Elucidate.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

41. What are the different theories associated with the downfall of Mauryan empire in India?
42. Discuss the *Tinai* Concept according to the geography of South India.
43. Distinguish between OCP, BRW, PGW and NBPW cultures in India.
44. Discuss the debate on whether the Gupta Age was a 'Golden Age' or not.

(10X2=20)