

**2021**

( March )

**HISTORY**

( Major )

Course : 101

**( Introduction to History and its Sources )**

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32/24*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. (a) Answer the following in *one word* or in *one sentence* each : 1×8=8
- (i) Who is the author of the book, *What is History?*
- (ii) By which name Vishnugupta is popularly known as?
- (iii) Who composed the Allahabad Pillar Inscription?

- (iv) To which country did Fa-Hien belong?
- (v) Who was the author of *Naamghosa*?
- (vi) By which name the Koch coins were known as?
- (vii) Who edited *Deodhai Assam Buranji* published in 1932?
- (viii) Who was John Peter Wade?
- (b) Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (i) Relation of History with Economics
- (ii) Puranas
- (iii) Bernier
- (iv) Ahom Coins
- (v) *Tripura Buranji*

2. Define History. Discuss its scope. 4+8=12

Or

Highlight the major trends of history writing in India. Briefly explain the Marxist trend of history writing in India. 6+6=12

3. Who was Megasthenes? Write a brief note on his account of India. 4+8=12

Or

Evaluate the importance of coins as a source of information for the history of early India. 12

4. Discuss the salient features of Indo-Islamic historical tradition. Describe how the writings of Ziauddin Barani enable historian to prepare an account of the Sultanate period. 6+6=12

Or

Trace the development of Bakhar as a regional tradition of Maharashtra. 12

5. How does the Nidhanpur Copper Plates Land Grant Inscription help us to write the history of the time of King Bhaskaravarman? 12

Or

Make an estimate of the Darang Raj Vamsavali as a source for the construction of the history of medieval Assam. 12

6. Discuss the importance of the Buranjis as sources for writing history of medieval Assam. 12

Or

Who was Captain Welsh? Why did he come to Assam? Write a brief note on his report. 2+2+8=12

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