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(May/June)

HISTORY

(Core)

Paper : C-3

(**History of India—II**)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions in 1 word or
in 1 sentence each : 1×8=8

(a) Which text has shown that the Mauryan
society was divided into seven
categories?

(b) Which emperor styled himself as
'Devanamapriya Piyadasi'?

(c) Name the revenue items collected in
cash.

(2)

- (d) Who was the leader of a merchant caravan?
(e) What was Karukara?
(f) When did the Saka era begin?
(g) Name one of the epithets of Samudragupta.
(h) Give a specimen of the Dravida temple architecture.

2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) Varna system
(b) Gana-Sanghas
(c) Saka ruler Rudradaman—I
(d) Allahabad Prashasti
(e) Harshavardhana

3. Discuss about the expansion of agrarian economy during the Mauryan period. 12

Or

Analyse the development of trade and commerce in North India from circa BCE 300 to circa CE 300.

4. Discuss the nature of Ashoka's Dhamma policy. To what extent was it influenced by the political consideration? 12

(3)

Or

"Kushanas' significance rests not so much on their political conquests as on their contribution to economic and cultural developments." Explain.

5. Make an estimate of Samudragupta as a conqueror and ruler. 12

Or

Describe briefly the Pallava-Chalukya conflicts for the political supremacy in South India.

6. Prepare an essay on Purusharthas and Samskaras of the Brahmanical tradition. 12

Or

Narrate about the different sects of Buddhism.

7. Give an account of the Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit literature of your study period. 12

Or

Give an account of the Mauryan art and architecture.

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