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**M. A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021**  
**[ 2021 Admissions Regular and 2020 Admissions Improvement & Supplementary ]**  
**SEMESTER I - CORE COURSE ( HISTORY )**  
**HI1C02TM20 - TRANSITION FROM PRE STATE TO STATE SOCIETIES IN INDIAN HISTORY**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Weight : 30**

**Part A**

**I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight**

**(8x1=8)**

1. Who was Karl Wittfogel?
2. What do you mean by the term despotism?
3. What do you know about feudal mode of production?
4. Sketch the significance in Harappan Metallurgy.
5. Give a note on Lothal.
6. Write a note on Kalibangan.
7. Cite the function of the Parishad.
8. Write a note on Varna system.
9. State Anga as a mahajanapada.
10. Who were Nandas?

**Part B**

**II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight**

**(6x2=12)**

11. What were J.S Mill's beliefs on Indian history?
12. What was the basis of Oriental Despotism put forward by Wittfogel?
13. Briefly examine the political organization in Harappa.
14. Explain the political organization of the Harappan Civilization.
15. Write a short essay on processes of transition from lineage to state.
16. Tracing caste and untouchability, explain how the four varnas emanated.
17. Distinguish between varna and Jati, highlighting its important features.
18. Give an account of trade and agriculture during the Mauryan rule.

**Part C**

**III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight**

**(2x5=10)**

19. Explain the nature of state formation in the Gangetic plains.
20. Explain salient features of urban planning and administration under the Harappan civilization.
21. Describe the social life of the later Vedic people. How was it different from the Rig Vedic life?
22. Evaluate the structure of the Nanda Monarchy. Explain in detail.