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BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024
2023 ADMISSIONS REGULAR
SEMESTER II - CORE COURSE HISTORY
HY2C02B23 - Understanding Early India

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(10x2=20)

1. Examine the evidence used to determine the existence of foreign trade in the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. Why is Harshacharita considered to be an important work?
3. What is the significant feature of Lothal site?
4. Explain the naturalistic polytheism practiced by the Aryans.
5. Who were considered as Dvija ?
6. Examine the institution of Gotra in the later Vedic culture.
7. Why was Satakarni II important among the Satavahana Kings?
8. State the significance of Triratna.
9. Write a note on the Ajantha caves.
10. Who was Varahamihira?
11. What is the role played by Chandragupta Vikramaditya?
12. Why is Samudragupta known as the 'Napoleon of India'?



Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

13. Explain the features of the Palaeolithic age.
14. Highlight the Mesolithic sites in India.
15. Write a note on the progress made during the Chalcolithic period.
16. Discuss the major deities worshipped in the Vedic age.
17. Discuss the debates put forward regarding the origin of the Aryans.
18. State the role played by the tribal assemblies Sabha and Samiti.
19. Discuss the major Tamil literary works during the Sangam age.
20. Discuss the major features of Gandhara and Andhra school of art.
21. What is meant by Ashoka Dhamma?

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

22. Describe the important phases of Indian Prehistory with special reference to the stone ages.
23. Trace the contributions of the Aryans to the Indian culture.
24. Examine the early Tamil Literature and polity.
25. Evaluate the effectiveness of Mauryan governance in maintaining control over a vast and diverse empire.