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MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

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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. Write about the contribution of Sir William Jones ?
2. Give a short note on Social Contract theory.
3. Mention any two basic features of Asiatic Mode of Production.
4. Define Great Bath.
5. Write a note on Citadel.
6. Describe bronze dancing girl.
7. What is Purushasukta?
8. Define Mother Goddess of Harappan Civilization.
9. Explain Lineage society.
10. Mention about Dhamma-Mahamatas.

Part B

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

(6x2=12)

11. Critically analyse the Evolutionary theory.
12. Examine the colonial perception of ancient Indian state and society.
13. How do you distinguish the Unicorn seal from the Bull seal?
14. Discuss the theories and interpretations on the decline of Indus Civilization.
15. Tracing caste and untouchability, explain how the four varnas emanated.
16. Write a short essay on state and the varna system.
17. Distinguish between varna and Jati, highlighting its important features.
18. Sketch the Saptanga theory of Kautilya.

Part C

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

(2x5=10)

19. What are the major theoretical preliminaries of the formation of state?
20. Describe the socio-economic religious life of Harappan society.
21. Explain in detail the political structure of Mahajanapadas.
22. Discuss the comparative merit of Arthashastra, the Indica and Ashokan inscriptions as a source for the administration, socio-economic conditions and religious life of Mauryan Empire.