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B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017
SEMESTER IV- CORE COURSE (HISTORY)
HY4B06B – EARLY SOCIETIES IN INDIA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A

I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. The Paleolithic man in India is also called-----
2. Which metal was not known to the Harappan people?
3. Who was the head of a family during Vedic period?
4. When did Ashoka conquer Kalinga?
5. Name the Gupta King who defeated Sakas?
6. Who authored the book “Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas”?

(6x1=6)

PART B

II. Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

7. Bhimbetka
8. Rajatharangini
9. Great Bath
10. Sabha and Samithi
11. Aryan Problem
12. Arthasasthra
13. Edicts of Asoka
14. Brahmadeya and Devadanam
15. Gandhara Art
16. Allahabad pillar inscription

(7x2=14)

PART C

III. Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

17. Write a note on the archaeological sources that help the reconstruction of ancient Indian history.
18. Describe the importance of Vedas as a literary source.
19. What do you know about the religious life of the Harappan people?
20. Write a brief a note on Aryan polity.
21. Explain the rise and fall of Sathavahanas.
22. What are the causes for the decline of Mauryan empire?
23. What is meant by land grants? What changes did it bring about in the agrarian society?
24. What were the factors responsible for the decline of Gupta Empire?

(5x6=30)

PART D

IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

25. Why Neolithic age is considered as a revolution in man's life?
26. What are the specific features of Harappan culture, highlighting its urban nature?
27. Describe the administrative system of the Mauryan Empire.
28. Gupta period is called the golden age of Ancient India. How far is it correct?

(2x15=30)