

1/EH-17 (i) (Syllabus-2015)

Odd Semester, 2020

(Held in March, 2021)

HISTORY

(Elective/Honours)

(HISUG-101)

(History of Ancient India)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any **five** questions

1. Highlight the chief geographical features of India. Discuss their influence on the history and civilization of India. 7+8=15

2. What light have the excavations thrown on the town planning of the Harappan civilization? What are the probable reasons for the decline and end of the Harappan civilization? 7+8=15

3. Give an account of the later Vedic society and economy on the basis of later Vedic literature. 7½+7½=15

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4. Describe the various factors responsible for the rise of Magadha as a paramount power in the 6th century BCE. 15
5. Discuss Ashoka's policy of Dhamma. How did Ashoka spread the teachings of Dhamma? 10+5=15
6. Assess the artistic and literary achievements of the Gupta period. $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
7. Describe the administrative system of the Cholas. 15
8. Write an essay on the Sangam age. 15
9. Discuss the impact of India's contact with Central Asia. 15
10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Archaeological sources of ancient Indian history
 - (b) Chandelas during the Gupta period
 - (c) Pallava art
 - (d) Factors for the rise of Buddhism in the 6th century BCE
