

[English Version]

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1×15

1. Answer the following questions :

- ~~(a)~~ Who wrote 'Mahabhashya'?
- ~~(b)~~ Which of the Maurya Kings was known as 'Amitraghata'?
- ~~(c)~~ Who was the last ruler of the Mauryan dynasty?
- ~~(d)~~ By which name the seven elements of state, as written by Kautilya, was known?
- ~~(e)~~ Who was known as 'Samaharta' in the Maurya administration?
- ~~(f)~~ How many provincial headquarters were there in the Maurya empire?
- ~~(g)~~ In whose reign was the Sudarshan lake constructed in Junagarh?
- ~~(h)~~ Which ruler's name is associated with the book 'Milindpanho'?
- ~~(i)~~ Who was the founder of the Kanva dynasty?
- ~~(j)~~ Who were known as 'Panyadhaksha'?
- ~~(k)~~ Which king has been mentioned in the Hathigumpha inscription?
- ~~(l)~~ Who composed 'Gathasaptasati'?

- ~~(m)~~ Name an Indian port mentioned by ancient Greek literature.
- ~~(n)~~ Name a foreign potentate who asked for friendly relations with Samudra Gupta.
- ~~(o)~~ In which inscription the victory of Skanda Gupta over the Huna power has been mentioned?

2. Answer **any four** questions (250 words) :

5×4

- (a) Was Megasthenes correct in his observations regarding existence of slavery in ancient India?
- (b) In how many units, according to Romila Thapar, the Maurya political control was divided?
- ~~(c)~~ Write a short note on the Maurya agrarian system.
- (d) Write a short note on the Post-Maurya urbanization in Northern India.
- ~~(e)~~ Describe the Saka-Satavahana rivalry during the reign of Rudradaman, the Saka ruler.
- ~~(f)~~ Write a brief note on the Gandhara style of art.
- (g) Write briefly on the political situation of Northern India on the eve of the establishment of the Gupta rule.
- ~~(h)~~ Discuss the position of women in the Gupta society.

3. Answer **any three** questions (500 words) :

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- ~~(a)~~ Analyse briefly the causes of downfall of the Maurya empire.
- (b) Discuss the political and cultural achievements of the Kushana ruler Kanishka.
- ~~(c)~~ Comment, in brief, on the position of the Shudras and untouchables in ancient India.
- ~~(d)~~ Evaluate the achievements of Samudra Gupta as an empire builder.
- (e) Write a short note on the Ajanta cave paintings.
- (f) Why is the Gupta era termed as a 'Threshold time'?