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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2024

HISTORY – I SEMESTER BA

24UBA13A – HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer should be written completely in English.

SECTION - A

Answer any one of the following questions. Each question carries ten marks. (1X10=10)

1. Mark and describe the major Harappan sites such as Harappa, Mohenjodaro, Lothal, Pataliputra and Bodh Gaya. Explain their significance in the context of the Harappan Civilization.
2. Find out structures of the Mauryan Empire under Chandragupta Maurya. How did they contribute to the stability and expansion of one of India's first major empires?

SECTION – B

Answer any two of the following questions. Each question carries fifteen marks. (2X15=30)

3. Describe the contributions of pre-historic cultures in shaping the early stages of human civilization in India. How did their advancements set the foundation for later societies?
4. Examine the political, social, and economic conditions that led to the rise of Mahajanapadas, with a particular focus on Magadha. How did these regional powers contribute to the consolidation of larger empires?
5. Evaluate the scientific, technological, and mathematical advancements during the Gupta period. How did these achievements influence later developments in India and beyond?
6. Discuss the importance of the Mauryan Empire, with a focus on Ashoka's contributions to governance, culture, and religion. How did his policy of Dhamma impact Indian history and its relations with other cultures?

SECTION – C

Answer any two of the following questions. Each question carries ten marks. (2X10=20)

7. Briefly Explain the significance of the varna system in the Vedic period and its long-term implications on Indian social structure. How did it influence social mobility and hierarchy?
8. Discuss the reasons for the decline of the Harappan Civilization, incorporating archaeological evidence and scholarly theories.
9. Examine the major achievements of the Harappan Civilization, focusing on its town planning, societal structure, and economic systems.



10. Explain the impact of Mahammad of Ghazni's and Ghori's invasions on the Indian subcontinent.

SECTION – D

Answer any four of the following questions. Each question carries five marks. (4X5=20)

11. Write a note on Kautilya's Arthashastra and its significance in governance.
12. Evaluate the teachings of Vardhamana Mahavira and Gauthama Buddha.
13. Write a note on Varna system in ancient India.
14. Explain the political significance of the Mahajanapadas in the development of Indian states.
15. Write a note on the contributions of the Kushans and Satavahanas to Indian culture.
16. Explain the political history of the Gupta period.

