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HISTORY

(Core)

Paper : C-3

(History of India—II)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions in 1 word or
in 1 sentence each : 1×8=8
- (a) Which 'Varna' was associated with
trade and commerce?
 - (b) Who was the author of *Indica*?
 - (c) Which Kushana king is known for
convening the 4th Buddhist Council?
 - (d) During the reign of which North Indian
emperor did Hiuen Tsang visit India?

(2)

- (e) How many 'Purusharthas' are mentioned in ancient Indian philosophy?
- (f) Which branch of Buddhism is known as *Greater Vehicle*?
- (g) In which language were *Tripitaka* primarily written?
- (h) Which material was widely used in Mauryan architecture?

2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) Craft production of ancient India
- (b) Kanishka
- (c) Allahabad Pillar Inscription
- (d) Hinayana
- (e) Sangam literature

3. Discuss about agrarian economy in Mauryan period. 12

Or

Prepare a note on gender and the marriage system during the period of your study.

4. Describe the causes of decline of the Mauryan empire. 12

Or

Give an account of the rise and fall of Satavahana empire.

(3)

5. Write about the agrarian expansion and urban changes from the 4th century AD to 750 AD. 12

Or

Why is the Gupta period known as the 'Golden Age'?

6. Trace the growth and development of Puranic Theistic cult during the period of your study. 12

Or

Evaluate the causes of the development of Tantricism in ancient India.

7. Prepare a note on scientific and technical treatises of ancient India. 12

Or

Discuss briefly about Gupta temple architecture.
