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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Major 1st Semester Examination, 2025

HISTMAJ101-HISTORY

HISTORY OF INDIA-I (PRE-HISTORY AND PROTO-HISTORY)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

CATEGORY-I

Answer any four questions from the following

3×4 = 12

1. What is ‘History’? 3
2. Define Pre History and Proto History. 3
3. Define Microliths. 3
4. Why the Harappan civilization is called Chalcolithic civilization? 3
5. Write a short note on ‘Dholavira’. 3
6. What is ‘Radio Carbon Dating’? 3

CATEGORY-II

Answer any four questions from the following

6×4 = 24

7. Write a note on the sources of pre and proto History. 6
8. Write a note on rock-art of Mesolithic Age. 6
9. Write a short note on ‘Mehergarh’. 6
10. A number of things found in Harappan excavation indicate the presence of civic and political authority — Justify it. 6
11. Give a short account of agrarian base of the Harappan culture. 6
12. Write a note on the religious beliefs and practices of the Harappan people. 6

CATEGORY-III

Answer any two questions from the following

12×2 = 24

13. Write an essay on different phases of Palaeolithic culture in Indian sub-continent. 12
14. Write a note on Neolithic culture in India with special reference to technological and economic changes in the society. 12
15. Discuss the extent and antiquity of the Indus Valley Civilization. 12
16. Discuss the different factors responsible for the decline of Harappan Civilization with special reference to climate change. 12

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HISTMAJ102-HISTORY

HISTORY OF INDIA-II (CIRCA 1500 BCE 300 BCE)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

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CATEGORY-I

Answer any four questions from the following

3×4 = 12

1. Distinguish between ‘Varna and Jati’. 3
2. Write a short note on Aryan Problem. 3
3. What do you mean by the term ‘Godhan’? 3
4. Write a brief note on the confederacy of Vriji. 3
5. What do you mean by ‘Middle Path’? 3
6. Who were the Tirthankaras? Name the first, twenty third and the last one. 3

CATEGORY-II

Answer any four questions from the following

6×4 = 24

7. Write a note on Buddhist and Jain text as source of Ancient Indian History. 6
8. What was the position of women in the Rig Vedic Society? 6
9. Analyze the growth and development of caste system during the Vedic period. 6
10. Write a note on Ancient Marriage system. 6
11. Write a note on chief characteristics of Vedic religion. 6
12. Write a note urban growth during the period of your study. 6

CATEGORY-III

Answer any two questions from the following

12×2 = 24

13. Discuss the material and ideological background behind the rise of Buddhism and Jainism in the 6th century B. C. E.
14. What was the position of the King in the early Vedic period? What led to the growth of royal power in the later Vedic period?
15. Discuss the rise of Magadha as an Imperial power under the Haryanka, the Sisunagas and the Nandas.
16. What were the main features of the Iron Age culture with special reference to Painted Grey Ware (PGW) and Northern Black Polish Ware (NBPW)?

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