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First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, May 2022

History

HY 212 — INDIAN HISTORY - I

(FORMATION OF STATE AND SOCIETY IN EARLY INDIA – UPTO 600 C.E.) (2019 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

SECTION - A

(Essay) Answer any three questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

- Cultivation of cereals and developments in agriculture transformed the nomadic hunter gatherer into a sedentary farmer. Comment.
- 2. Define Urbanization. Discuss the unique features of urbanization with reference to the first urbanization.
- 3. The early Vedic polity and society were tribal and basically egalitarian. Elucidate.
- 4. What are the different trends in ideas which emerged in the wake of socio-religious ferment in 6th century B.C.E.?
- 5. Explain the major theories about the decline of Mauryas.

 $(3 \times 15 = 45 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - B

(Short Essays) Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- Trace out the archaeological sources of ancient Indian history.
- 7. How do you perceive the decline of Indus valley civilization with reference to various debate on decline?
- 8. Varna system in later Vedic period.
- 9. Development of ancient Indian trade in the light of foreign contacts.
- Significance of Arthasastra.
- 11. Gupta administration.
- 12. Science and technology in Ancient India.
- 13. Gandhara and Mathura Art.

 $(5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ Marks})$