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GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION (EXTERNAL)

AUGUST 2016

History I (HG I)

History of Northern India up to 320 A.D.

Three Hours Only.

Answer **Four** (4) Questions only, selecting at least **ONE** from **EACH** part.

Illustrate your answer with sketch maps where appropriate

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total number of questions in this paper is twelve (12).

Part I

01. Critically analyse the main features of urbanization in the Harappan Civilization.
02. Examine the factors that led to the collapse of the Harappan Civilization.
03. Discuss the importance of Vedic Literature for the study of social history of India.
04. Review the political condition of the Northern India in sixth century B.C.

Part Two

05. Examine the factors that contributed to the rise of Magadha as an imperial power.
06. Discuss the political theories of the state described in the **Arthasasthra** of Kautilya.
07. Critically analyse the trade and cultural relations in the Mauryan period with the outside world.

08. "Asoka's Dharmma policy was merely a part of a strategy employed to strengthen the royal authority over the empire." Explain.

Part Three

09. Assess the importance of the coins of the Indo-Greek for the study of history of the contemporary period.

10. Discuss the main stages of the expansion of the power of Kushanas in India.

11. Examine the historical significance of the inscription of Junagardh of Rudradaman and Hatthigumpha of Khavela.

12. Briefly discuss the main features of the political activities of Saka-Kshathrapa period.