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**General Degree Examination in Arts (External) 2015**

**(2016 August)**

**History II (HG 2)**

**History of Northern India from 320 A. D. to 1707 A. D.**

Three hours only.

Answer **FOUR** questions only, selecting at least **ONE** from **EACH** part.

Illustrate your answer with sketch maps where appropriate.

Marks will be deducted for illegible handwritings.

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

**Part I**

1. Discuss the importance of the Record of Fa - Hsien for the study of History of Gupta Era.
2. In what extent activities of Candragupta II affected the development of Gupta Empire.
3. Write a critical essay on Art and Architecture in the Gupta period.

**Part II**

4. Analyze the inter-state connections that existed in the second half of the sixth century A.D.
5. Assess the political and economic situation that existed under the Pāla and Pratihara.
6. Discuss the sources that can be used for the study of Delhi Sultan history.

**Part III**

7. Critically examine the causes that affected the success of the Arab invasions in India.
8. Explain the contribution of Kutub - Uddin - Iqbal for the political development of Delhi Sultanate.
9. Analyze the causes of Balban's activities that affected the development of the Delhi Sultanate.

#### Part IV

10. Explain the Political situation of North India in the sixteenth century 16<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
  11. Discuss the role of Sha Jahan for the development of Mughal Empire.
  12. Discuss the policy of religion of the Mughal period.
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