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**CENTER FOR DISTANCE & CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
**GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION (EXTERNAL)**

**December 2017**

**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

Candidate will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

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

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**Part I**

01. Examine the interactions between Harappan Civilization with other contemporary Civilizations.
02. Assess the importance of Rig Vedic for the study of ancient history of India.
03. Discuss the notions on the Aryan concept.
04. How far do you agree with the view that the "Upanishadic thought influenced to the teaching of the Buddha and Jaina Mahavira".

**Part Two**

05. Explain the political role of the Bimbisara and Ajatasathru
06. Discuss the significance the **Arthasasthra** of Kautilya for the study of ancient Indian



- 07 Examine the historical importance of Asoka's inscriptions.
08. Write an essay on the art and architecture of Northern India under the Sunga dynasty.

**Part Three**

09. Assess the achievements of Menander, the Indo-Greek ruler.
10. Explain the main features of the Gandhara and Mathura traditions of the Kushana period.
11. Assess the career and achievements of emperor Kanishka
12. Discuss the trade relations that existed between ancient India and foreign countries