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**General Degree Examination in Arts (External) 2017**

**(2017 December)**

**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).

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**Part I**

1. "The power of Gupta Empire was firmly established by Candragupta I." Discuss this statement.
2. Examine the salient features of land tenure system in the Gupta period.
3. "Hūna invasion was not a decisive factor for the decline of the Gupta Empire." Explain this statement.

**Part II**

4. Briefly discuss the political history of Kanauj and Bengole under the Shashanka up to the emergence of Palas.
5. "Due to the partial description of Hsuan-tsan, Harshawardhana was given an undue importance in the Indian history." Discuss critically.
6. Examine the importance of role played by Samantas during the Gurjara Pratiharas.

**Part III**

7. Critically compare the achievement of Ghashni Mohommad and Ghur Mohommad.
8. Explain the contribution of Iltutmish for the political development of Delhi Sultanate.
9. Critically examine the main features of the administrative organization of Delhi Sultanate.

**Part IV**

10. Assess the contribution of Great Aurazeb for the establishment of peace and harmony between the Hindus and Muslims.
  11. Examine the development of Mughal art and architecture for the Mughal period.
  12. Write a critical essay on economy of the Mughal period.
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