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General Degree Examination in Arts (External) 2014

(August 2015)

History I (HG 1)

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 hand - writings.

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

Part I

01. Discuss the importance of epigraphy as a source for the study of the history of Northern India during the prescribe period.
02. Examine the relationship between the Harappan Civilization and outside world.
03. What evidence can be gleaned from the archaeological sources on the religious beliefs and cult of the Harappan people?
04. Discuss the political conditions reflected in the Rig Veda.

Part Two

05. "Upanisadic thought influenced the teachings of the Buddha and the Jain Mahavira". Examine.

06. What are the salient features of the Mauryan administrative system?
07. Discuss the art and architecture of Northern India under the Mauryan empire.
08. Briefly discuss the Indo-Greek political activities and assess the career and achievements of the Menander.

Part Three

09. Examine the career and achievements of Kanishka.
10. Assess the cultural significance of Kushan period in the Indian history.
11. Review the relationship between Saka Kshatrapa and the Satavahanas.
12. Assess the contribution of Buddhism to the society and culture of India during the relevant period.