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GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION (EXTERNAL)
December 2019

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 analyze the economic activities of 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 political history of ancient 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 development of Mauryan empire.
06. Discuss the political theories of the state described in the **Arthasasthra** of Kautilya.
07. "Mauryan art indebted to the Persian art" Analyze.
08. "Asoka's Dharmma policy was merely a part of a strategy employed to strengthen the royal authority over the empire." Elucidate.

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. Explain the cultural development during the Kushan Period
12. Briefly discuss the main features of the political activities of Saka-Kshathrapa period.