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GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION IN ARTS (EXTERNAL) - 2021

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 hand - writings.

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

Part I

1. Write a note on main features of urbanization in the Harappan Civilization.
2. Examine the factors that led to the collapse of the Harappan Civilization.
3. Assess the importance of Vedic Literature for the study of ancient Indian history.
4. Discuss the political conditions in the post vedic period.

Part II

5. Assess the main factors that contributed to the rise of Magadha as an imperial power.
6. Discuss the political theory of the state as enumerated in the Arthaśātra of Kautilya.

7. Write a critical note on the trade and cultural interaction with the outside world during the Mauryan period.
8. "Asoka's Dharmma Policy was merely a part of a strategy employed to strengthen the royal authority over the empire" explain.

Part III

9. Assess the importance of the Coins of the Indo-Greek for the study of contemporary history.
10. Discuss the main stages of the territorial expansion of the Kuśānas in India.
11. Examine the historical significance of the Junagardh of Rudradaman and Hatthigumpha of Karavela Inscriptions.
12. Briefly discuss the main political activities of the Saka-Kshathrapa (Kshaharatha-Kshathrapa).