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COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)

HISTORY

Paper-I

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

- Note :** (1) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(2) Attempt five questions in all.
(3) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Answer any *ten* questions from the following : 4×10=40
- (a) Why is the discovery of Harappan civilization important in history?
 - (b) Discuss the geographical extent of *Rig Vedic* culture.
 - (c) Write a note on the *Ajivakas*.
 - (d) Discuss the importance of Megasthenes's *Indica* as a source of Maurya history.
 - (e) Assess the role of Samudragupta as a ruler.
 - (f) Who was Razia?
 - (g) Discuss the role of *Turk-e-Chahalgani* in politics of the Sultanate period.
 - (h) Discuss briefly any two features of Sher Shah Suri's revenue reforms.
 - (i) Describe the relations of British with the Garos.
 - (j) What were the reasons for the Singpho-Khamti Rebellion against the British?
 - (k) Write a short note on the Noctes.
 - (l) Write a note on Malinithan sculptures.
2. Answer any *eight* questions from the following : 5×8=40
- (a) Assess the role of *Gana* and *Vidatha* in the Vedic society.
 - (b) Write a note on the Four Noble Truths as propounded by Lord Buddha.

- (c) Give an account of artistic activities during the period of the Pallavas.
- (d) Discuss the Khalji Revolution.
- (e) Write a note on Sikandar Lodhi.
- (f) Discuss the relations between Humayun and the Afghans.
- (g) Discuss the role of the *Duars* in trade between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
- (h) Write a note on slavery in Arunachal Pradesh.
- (i) Write about Ahom-Nyishi relations.
- (j) Discuss the Aka-British relations.
3. Answer any *five* questions from the following : 8×5=40
- (a) Write a note on the cult of Mother Goddess which can be inferred from the seals and sealings of Harappan culture.
- (b) Describe the change observed in the hierarchy of the gods from the early Vedic to the later Vedic period.
- (c) Describe the price regulation under the market control policy of Alauddin Khalji.
- (d) Write about the nobility formation during the Tughlaq Sultans of the Delhi Sultanate.
- (e) Discuss the religious policy of Akbar.
- (f) Write a note on Anglo-Jaintia relation.
- (g) Examine the *Buranjis* as a source to reconstruct the history of Arunachal Pradesh.
4. Answer any *four* questions from the following : 10×4=40
- (a) Discuss various theories regarding the origin of the feudalism in India.
- (b) Describe the development of the local self-government in the Chola period.
- (c) Write the welfare activities of Firoz Shah Tughlaq.
- (d) Describe the significance of the Treaty of Yandaboo of 1826.
- (e) Discuss the implications of McMahon Line in the history of Arunachal Pradesh.
5. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 20×2=40
- (a) Was Ashoka's policy of *Dhamma* responsible for the decline of the Maurya Empire?
- (b) Critically examine the nature of peasant revolts during the reign of Aurangzeb.
- (c) Discuss the expansion of British power in the Khasi Hills and in Manipur.

6. Answer any *four* questions from the following : 10×4=40
- (a) Discuss the Chalcolithic cultures of the Gangetic Valley.
 - (b) Discuss the teachings of various schools of Sufis during Medieval period.
 - (c) Critically examine the nature and impact of the Deccan policy of Shahjahan.
 - (d) Write a note on the expansion of the Revolt of 1857 to North-East India.
 - (e) Describe the Arunachal Pradesh and Assam trade relations up to the Colonial period.
7. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 20×2=40
- (a) Describe the development of Buddhist art and culture in Arunachal Pradesh.
 - (b) What do you mean by *Posa* system? Discuss its significance in the Arunachal-Assam relations during the Ahom period.
 - (c) Discuss the Anglo-Adi relations with special reference to the War of 1911-12 and the changes in the administrative policy of the British after the war in Arunachal Pradesh.
8. What were various factors responsible for the decline of urban centres in ancient India? 40
9. Was the Mughal Empire characterized by a centralized state structure? Discuss with suitable examples. 40
10. Discuss the Ahom-Tribal relations with special reference to major tribes of Arunachal Pradesh. 40

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