2015

HISTORY
(Major)

Paper: 2.1

[History of India (300 AD–1200 AD)]

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer the following questions in 1 word or 1 sentence each: 1\times 10=10

(a) Who composed the Allahabad Pillar Prashasti?

(b) Who were the 'samantas'?

(c) Who were the 'dutakas'?

(d) Who was the real founder of the Pratihara Empire?

(e) Who was the greatest Chola Ruler?

(f) What is 'vishti'?
(g) Who wrote the *Harsha Charita*?

(h) Name the great Sanskrit poet and dramatist of the Pratihara court.

(i) Who was ‘Ghazi’?

(j) What is a *Gopuram*?

2. Answer the following in brief: 2 × 5 = 10

(a) What are *deshas* and *vishayas* of the Gupta administration?

(b) Name the three dramas written by Harshavardhana.

(c) What are *nadus* and *valanadus* of the Chola administration?

(d) Between whom and when was the Second Battle of Tarain fought?

(e) Who was Alberuni? Name the book written by him.

3. Answer short notes on (any four): 5 × 4 = 20

(a) Meherauli Pillar Inscription

(b) Aryabhatta

(c) Raja Bhoja

(d) Dravida style of architecture

(e) Mihirakula

4. Answer any four of the following: 10 × 4 = 40

(a) Do you agree that the Gupta period was the Golden Age of Indian history? Give reasons.

(b) Bring out the salient features of Harsha’s administrative system.

(c) What were the cultural and religious contributions of the Rashtrakutas?

(d) Identify the factors that led to the decline of the Guptas.

(e) Write an essay on the Brahmadeya Settlements.

(f) Account for the success of the Turko-Afghans in India.

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